

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 21, 2005**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, March 21, 2005 in the Education Building lounge. The meeting was called to order by David Scott, Council Chair, at 5:30 p.m. Pastor Kimberly Willis said that Kristi Hurry had passed away yesterday and asked that people remember Mike Hurry and her family in their prayers. She then opened the meeting with prayer. The February 21, 2005 minutes were unanimously approved.

Present: Jennifer Armantrout, Caroline Close, Freda Hamilton, James Lipford, Marlene Lipford, Shirley Lewis, Jerry Ludeke, Julia Maxwell, Phil Maxwell, Anne Scott, David Scott, Dolores Shumate, Lisa Strobel, Nick Strobel, Kimberly Willis, Mary Jane Yantis.

Priority Items:

Lent, Easter Week Plans: Lisa Strobel, Worship Chair, said that all of the events have been planned, and there was an insert in the Palm Sunday bulletin listing the services.

Picture Directory: Anne Scott, Membership Evangelism Chair, reported that 60 families already have signed up for pictures. Sign ups will continue through Sunday, April 17.

April 9 Speed Leas Workshop: Anne Scott explained that Wesley will be hosting the April 9 Speed Leas Conflict Management workshop, and she needs volunteers to assist that day. Volunteers will be admitted free.

April 16 Dinner Auction Plans: Julia Maxwell, Chair, reported that there have been 70 reservations to date. To date approximately 35 auction items have been pledged, but more are needed as the auction had 65 items last year. Servers also are needed to work that evening.

Church Rekeying: Shirley Lewis, Trustees, explained that the church rekeying will take place in early April.

Prayer Quilt Project: Dolores Shumate, Chair, said that the first prayer quilt was presented to Kristi Hurry, and she and her family were very appreciative. The quilting group is meeting Mondays, 12:30 p.m. Jennifer Armantrout showed two quilts that have been completed.

Cooperative Parish Model: Pastor Kimberly Willis said that through the Cooperative Parish Model the area Methodist churches collected items for the Bakersfield Homeless Center. They now are discussing how they can share resources such as trained Stephen Minister leaders, trained counselors, etc. Anna and Dan Murillo are representing Wesley at the planning meetings.

Nominations Committee: Pastor Kimberly turned this item over to Anne Scott whom she has asked to organize the process. A. Scott said that she would call a meeting of the Nominations Committee in early April, and the committee would follow the process used in past years. The first step would be to contact persons and see if they wished to continue in their positions. Pastor Kimberly will become part of the process once the committee has a list of those who want to remain and those who want to change.

Major Discussion Items:

2005 Church Budget/Revised: Phil Maxwell, Finance Chair, presented a revised 2005 church budget that includes paying 100 per cent of apportionments but is still short \$17,000 of income. Several changes were made in the Education budget items, reducing the deficit to approximately \$15,000. There was discussion about how to close the budget gap. An apportionments adoption program to raise apportionments contributions was described by Pastor Kimberly, and it was agreed that this idea should be implemented. Pastor Kimberly, Jerry Ludeke and Anne Scott will meet after Easter and develop a plan to publicize how Wesley members may adopt an apportionment.

Need for Rummage Sale and Bazaar Chairs: Phil Maxwell, Finance Chair, said that he will begin phoning people to ask them to chair these two finance events. Dolores Shumate, last year's bazaar chair, and Anne Scott, last year's rummage sale chair, said that they had organizational materials that they will give to the new chairs.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items:

Feb. 27 Pancake Breakfast: Anne Scott reported that the pancake breakfast was served to many people and provided a time of fellowship. A free will offering was taken which covered the expenses.

Bell Cleaning and Repair: Mary Jane Yantis brought a large bell to show how it sounded now that it has been cleaned and repaired. She thanked the council for responding to her request so promptly. She explained that all 44 bells were cleaned, and three bell clappers were replaced.

Committee Reports:

Education: Nick Strobel, Education Co-Chair, reported that the Education Committee will meet April 6.

Adult: Anne Scott read a report from Barbara Dethlefsen that a new study book, God Opens Doors: Responding to God's Grace, has been selected for the Thursday morning Bible study group. Study will begin March 30.

Sunday School: Anne Scott reported that the Sunday School is running smoothly, and she has received a great quantity of free resources from Cokesbury to assist her in planning for next year.

Youth: No report.

Finance: Report already given.

Membership/Evangelism: Report already given.

Memorials: No report.

Missions/Social Concerns: Julia Maxwell, Chair, said that the Food Pantry is doing well and has expanded its storage space in the church office. She said that we have many volunteers for the monthly Food Bank, and some of them may be directed into other volunteer outreach activities.

Staff Parish: Caroline Close, Co-Chair, said that the committee has not met this month. Because of a variety of concerns, the committee met several times each month in the past few months, and members now need time to relax.

Trustees: Shirley Lewis, Trustee representative, reported that the blinds are being repaired in Oglesby Hall. Lisa Strobel expressed concern about the spots on the sanctuary carpet near the altar, and Lewis said that she has cleaned one spot and will follow up on the other spots. Jerry Ludeke pointed out that one of the women's washroom basins has no water. Lewis said that she would follow up on that also.

United Methodist Women: Dolores Shumate reported that UMW representatives will be attending a district retreat April 5 through 7.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Web Master, said that he is updating the web site and asked committee chairs to send information to the site.

Worship: Lisa Strobel, chair, asked that people who attend the Easter brunch would please clear off their places after they have finished eating. This will enable the workers to attend church rather than having to stay and clean the tables. The tables will be ready Friday to be decorated.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Kimberly said that the First Parish Project in which she has been involved is ending. She has been asked to provide leadership in representing the project as it applies for continued funding, and she will attend a May meeting in Indianapolis. The bishop has asked her to provide leadership in attracting and retaining young clergy, and she will be working on this effort at the conference level.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be April 18, 2005.

Submitted by:

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