

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov. 20, 2006

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, Nov. 20, 2006 in the Education Building lounge. Nick Strobel, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Pastor Kimberly opened the meeting with a prayer. Nick reviewed the minutes of the September meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Freda Hamilton, James Lipford, Marlene Lipford, Carolyn Lonsinger, Larry Lonsinger, Phil Maxwell, Diane O'Dell, Anne Scott, David Scott, Dolores Shumate, Nick Strobel, Kimberly Willis.
Visitors: Jennifer Armantrout, Sherry Atkins.

Priority Items:

Pledge Drive: Nick Strobel, reporting for Finance chair Sharyn Woods, announced that there were 67 pledges for 2007, eight of which are new pledges. The pledges total \$129,000. In addition, \$6,006 has been pledged for apportionments. This is 13% of total apportionments owed. The budget will be presented and adopted in December.

Alternative Giving Program: Phil Maxwell, Missions/Social Concerns chair, explained that a table for the Alternative Giving Program will be set up Sunday and will continue until Christmas.

Angel Tree Program: Phil Maxwell said that the tree displaying the Angel Tree cards was up in the narthex, and 60 tags had already been taken. The Christmas Party for Wesley and the Angel Tree children will be Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m. Pizza will be served and crafts tables for the children will be offered. A sign up list for volunteers has been posted on the narthex bulletin board.

Dec. 9 UMW Lunch: Dolores Shumate, Lunch chair, explained that this will be a potluck, and you are to bring whatever you want. There will be a missionary speaker/singer who will provide the program, and new UMW officers will be installed.

Dec. 10 Caroling and Party: Barbara Dethlefsen, Membership/Evangelism chair, explained that the caroling will begin at 4 p.m. If you know of shut-ins who should be caroled, you need to call Barbara with the names. Jean Ann Lansche is directing the youth and children in making plates to give to the shut-ins. The plates will be filled with cookies. Following the caroling everyone will gather at Jerry Ludeke's house for goodies and more carols.

Major Discussion Items:

Advent Season Worship Activities: Carolyn Lonsinger, Worship chair, explained that the Greening of the Church will be done during the Advent worship services beginning Dec. 3, the first Sunday in Advent. There will be an all church soup and sandwich supper

beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to decorate the Gathering Place and pack toiletry bags for the Bakersfield Homeless Center. Wednesday, Dec. 20, there will be a quiet worship service from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The purpose is to give people an opportunity to slow down and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Music will be played and sung, and readings and prayers given. People may come and go during this time.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items:

Oct. 21 Coat Giveaway: Phil Maxwell reported that over 200 coats were donated for the giveaway. There were 140 people who came for coats. The remaining coats were donated to the Bakersfield Homeless Center. The giveaway went very smoothly. Phil expressed appreciation for the work of Carolyn Anglin who chaired the giveaway.

Oct. 28 Work Day: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees chair, said that 10 people came out and worked during the Oct. 28 work day, and most of the desired projects were accomplished.

Nov. 4 Bazaar: It was reported that \$3,600 profit was made from the bazaar.

Committee Reports:

Education:

Sunday School: Anne Scott said that the Sunday School is running smoothly. Sharyn Woods is completing teaching a Senior High unit on finances, and Phil Maxwell will teach a unit on Missions in December.

Youth: Pastor Kimberly reported that the youth will view slides on New Orleans, taken by Pastor Madi Elsea during the recent mission trip there.

Adult Studies: Anne Scott explained that there appeared to be little interest in an Advent Studies class, and it was agreed that one would not be offered this year. The adult Sunday School class taught by Nick Strobel is attracting up to 10 people each Sunday.

Finance: Pastor Kimberly reported that Wesley's finances were doing ok, and all bills were being paid.

Membership/Evangelism: Report already present.

Memorials: Donna Adams, Memorials chair, asked that all requests for memorials funds be put in writing and given to her for consideration by the committee.

Missions/Social Concerns: Phil Maxwell, chair, said that the next mission project is to pack toiletries bags for the Bakersfield Homeless Center. This will be done during the Greening of the Church evening.

Staff Parish: Diane O'Dell, Staff Parish chair, explained that the committee will meet Nov. 28 to complete the annual pastor evaluation required by the conference.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees chair, said that the dishwasher still needs to be repaired, and he will work on getting a repair person out. There was discussion about

putting some type of marking on the steps going up to the altar. People have tripped recently while doing up and down, and there needs to be some type of visual cue. Larry said that he would follow up on this.

United Methodist Women: Jennifer Armantrout reported that the UMW board meeting has been moved to the Thursday after Thanksgiving. There will be a Fun and Games day next Wednesday.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, said that the web site is still functioning, and materials to be placed on it should be emailed to Nick.

Worship: Report already presented. Evelyn Elliott offered to clean up the pencil holes in the pew holders and add more pencils.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kimberly wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.
Submitted by: Anne Scott

The next Administrative Council meeting will be Dec. 11, 2006.
This meeting was later cancelled, and the next meeting will be Jan. 15, 2007.