

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Oct. 16, 2006

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, October 16, 2006 in the Education Building lounge. The meeting was called to order by Nick Strobel, Council Chair, at 5:30 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, Caroline Close, Jean Ann Lansche, Carolyn Lonsinger, Larry Lonsinger, Jerry Ludeke, Phil Maxwell, Diane O'Dell, Anne Scott, David Scott, Dolores Shumate, Nick Strobel, Pastor Kimberly Willis, Sharyn Woods. Council visitors: Jennifer Armantrout, Sherry Atkins.

Priority Items:

Pledge Drive: Sharyn Woods, Finance Chair, explained that 160 pledge letters were mailed out today. The pledge drive will go for six weeks and end Sunday, Nov. 19, when pledge cards will be received during the worship service. Follow up calls will be made after that date. It is hoped that this year's pledge of \$165,000 will be met or exceeded.

Oct. 21 Coat Giveaway: Phil Maxwell, Missions/Social Concerns chair, said that the Oct. 21 coat giveaway is ready to go. Two hundred coats have been donated, and the youth organized them last night during their youth group meeting.

Alternative Giving Program: Phil Maxwell passed around a brochure draft that his committee plans to use to announce the Christmas alternative giving program. Suggestions were made as to additional charities that could be listed. Phil said that the suggestions would be added. The brochure will be included in the Sunday bulletin and the Outlook.

Oct. 28 Work Day: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees chair, said that the fall work day will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Tasks to be done include trimming trees and bushes, winterizing the coolers, cleaning the gutters, painting, and cleaning concrete.

Nov. 4 Bazaar: Anne Scott, reporting for Barbara Knowlton, Bazaar Co-Chair, said that planning for the bazaar is progressing well. All types of items are needed, and there is a sign up list on the narthex bulletin board. Jennifer Armantrout said she would accept all types of items with an angel motif for her angel booth.

Greening of the Church: Carolyn Lonsinger, Worship chair, explained that the Worship committee will hold a retreat Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Gathering Place. The purpose is to plan the Advent activities. All church members are invited to participate. At that time the committee will decide on details for the Greening of the Church, the first Sunday in Advent, Nov. 26. This will include what will be held that day, a church lunch or a dinner.

Major Discussion Items:

Proposed 2007 Church Budget: Sharyn Woods, Finance chair, explained that committee chairs have turned in 2007 budget requests. The finance committee will meet in November and develop a 2007 budget based on pledges received. She will bring that budget proposal to the December 11 administrative council meeting for approval. Sharyn explained that the committee has decided not to make any changes to the 2006 budget and believes that it will balance, and the church will end up in the black this year.

Follow Up on Past Priority Items:

Gloria Presentation: Everyone agreed that Sunday's Gloria presentation was a church highlight of this year. Nick Strobel is working on a recording of the performance.

Oct. 15 Lunch: Sharyn Woods said that there were 105 persons served at the lunch.

Committee Reports:

Education: Jean Ann Lansche, co-chair, reported that a teacher is needed for an Advent curriculum for an adult Sunday School class. She explained that the education committee members plan to check the nursery and assist with children who are in grades 1 – 3 if there are more than five children in the nursery. She explained that some children from her Sunday School class are being taken to the nursery during worship because the parents or grandparents prefer to do that.

Sunday School: Anne Scott said that the Sunday School is running smoothly. The children are collecting money in UNICEF boxes, and this month the Sunday School offering is going to UNICEF. Sharyn Woods will teach the senior high class a unit on managing your financial resources for the next six weeks.

Youth: Sharyn Woods reported that the youth group will hold a Halloween party, Sunday, Oct. 29. All senior high and junior high youth will be invited.

Adult Studies: Already presented.

Endowment Fund: No report

Finance: Report already presented.

Membership/Evangelism: No report because committee has not met.

Memorials: No report because nothing has changed.

Missions/Social Concerns: Phil Maxwell, chair, reported that Wesley has taken responsibility to provide presents for 103 Angel Tree children. It was agreed that the Angel Tree tags will be hung in mid November so people can take them early and include them in their Christmas shopping. The committee is exploring ways to augment the food bank offerings at Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was recommended that canned ham rather than turkey be given to the senior citizens. Phil will talk to Ruth Shivers, food bank coordinator. Additional members are needed for the Missions committee, and interested persons should contact Phil.

Staff Parish: Diane O'Dell, Staff Parish chair, explained that the committee met Oct. 3 and completed the evaluations for Terry Gonzales and Joy Wang.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger, Trustees chair, said that there is a leak in the Gathering Place dishwasher, and he plans to call a repair person this week. He also will check the sanctuary roof where there appears to be a leak. Jerry Ludeke said that there was a gas smell in the Gathering Place Sunday morning. Larry and Pastor Kimberly responded that the gas lines have been checked because of concerns about the smell, and nothing wrong can be found. Pastor Kimberly asked Larry if Wesley's insurance coverage includes earthquake coverage. She said that the church needs to have coverage as the conference does not cover churches for major damages. Larry said that he would find out and report back.

United Methodist Women: Jennifer Armantrout reported that six United Methodist Women went to a district meeting. The UMW board will meet Thursday. There will be a Dec. 9 potluck lunch with a missionary, Andrea Glenn, as the speaker.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, encouraged members to check out the website.

Worship: Report already presented.

Pastor's Report: No report

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Submitted by: Anne Scott