

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 17, 2007**

The Wesley United Methodist Church Administrative Council met Monday, September 17, 2007 in the Education Building lounge. Nick Strobel, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., and Pastor Pam Fine opened the meeting with a prayer. Nick reviewed the minutes of the August meeting, and the minutes were approved unanimously. James Lipford questioned as to the status of the Endowment Committee, and Anne Scott explained that Marv Davisson will chair that committee. The Administrative Council agenda was approved with one addition and one change..

Administrative Council members present: Donna Adams, Evelyn Elliott, Pam Fine, Freda Hamilton, Barbara Knowlton, Jean Ann Lansche, James Lipford, Marlene Lipford, Carolyn Lonsinger, Larry Lonsinger, Stella Rous, Anne Scott, David Scott, Nick Strobel. Visitor: Jennifer Armantrout

**Priority Items:**

Administrative Council Meeting Dates: Anne Scott, Administrative Coordinator, passed out a proposed calendar for Administrative Council meeting dates. One date was changed, and it was then approved and is attached.

Update on Pledge Giving: Anne Scott, reporting for Finance chair Sharyn Woods, said that giving to date this year was approximately \$10,000 less than budgeted. However, \$1,800 given for 2007 apportionments had been recorded in 2006, lowering the deficit to \$8,200. A gentle request to try to catch up on pledges will be printed on the third quarter giving reports.

Nominations Committee Update: Pastor Pam Fine explained that the Nominations committee has completed its work, and a complete slate of church officers has been developed. The list will be printed in the church directory, and it will be officially approved at the Nov. Charge Conference.

Organist Status: Pastor Pam reported that the new organist Eunice Lee has had two surgeries and won't be able to begin her responsibilities at Wesley until November. Gail Scarazzo has been asked to continue until then.

Oct. 27 Dinner Auction: Carolyn Lonsinger, Dinner/Auction co-chair, reported that there are 89 dinner reservations and 129 auction items.

Nov. 3 Bazaar: Barbara Knowlton, Bazaar co-chair, reported that Julia Maxwell will prepare an Italian lunch for the bazaar. Additional helpers are needed, and a volunteer sign up list will be posted in the narthex.

Nov. 18 Pledge Drive Celebration Dinner: Anne Scott explained how previous pledge drive celebration dinners have been organized. Each church committee has taken on a

responsibility for the dinner. People have signed up to bring spaghetti sauce, salads and desserts. Committees will select what they want to do at the October council meeting.

Groups Meeting with Pastor Pam: Anne Scott explained that Wesley members are hosting small groups to provide an opportunity for people to talk with Pastor Pam. She is working with the hosts to ensure that all church members are included in a group.

Lending Library: Anne Scott said that there is an empty bookcase that she would like to put in the narthex to serve as a book exchange for members. People could donate books and take books on an honor system. It was agreed to let Anne set this up.

### **Major Discussion Items:**

Mission Outreach: Missions chair Phil Maxwell had requested that this be a major discussion item, but he could not attend this meeting. People on the Missions/Social Concerns committee said that they felt his concerns had been addressed by the addition of new people to the committee. All the committee positions have been filled, except for transportation coordinator. The coat giveaway will be Saturday, Oct. 13. It was requested that the need for coats be publicized through the phone tree message.

Youth Group Planning: Pastor Pam explained that she is directing youth group activities at this point. A youth council composed of parent Julia Maxwell, youth Jeanette Wilson, Joel Wilson, and Shawn King and Pastor Pam has been established and has met once. There will be snacks served at the youth group meeting rather than full meals. Pastor Pam will set up a schedule of adults to assist her this fall and will ask members to examine how to handle the youth group as part of the overall church planning to be done early next year. She plans to have youth take on more responsibilities with the worship service.

### **Follow Up on Past Priority Items:**

Weekly Communion Service: Pastor Pam explained that there were 20 participants at the first communion service following worship. She has prepared a litany that is printed in regular and large print.

Sunday School: Anne Scott reported that the Sunday School classes are fully staffed and going well.

Adult Classes: Stella Rous, Education co-chair, said that four adult classes are meeting. They are the Sunday morning class, Wednesday morning Contemplative group, Wednesday evening Bible study and Thursday morning Bible study.

Sept. Work Day: Larry Lonsinger, Trustee chair, reported that there were approximately 15 volunteers who helped clean the Education Building during the workday. They did an excellent job, cleaning every room and washing the windows and screens on the outside.

### **Committee Reports:**

Education: Adult Studies: Report already given.

Sunday School: Anne Scott explained that the children's activity in the narthex is going well. It was decided that the children will sit down and listen to the anthem before leaving the worship service.

Youth: Report already given.

Finance: Report already given.

Membership/Evangelism: Anne Scott said that the Membership/Evangelism committee will meet next week with Pastor Pam to discuss how to provide membership classes. There are several people who have indicated interest in becoming Wesley members.

Memorials: Donna Adams explained that the bells have arrived and are being used.

Missions/Social Concerns: Report already given.

Staff Parish: No report.

Trustees: Larry Lonsinger, chair, reported that the Oglesby Hall cooler needs to be replaced. He will pick up a new cooler that is on sale. He explained that the Oglesby stove and water heater have been disconnected due to safety concerns.

United Methodist Women: Barbara Knowlton, UMW president, said that 66 school kits were given to the Bakersfield Rescue Mission and additional school items will be given. There will be a UMW general meeting and potluck on Thursday. Eight UMW members will attend an Oct. 5 worship in Fresno.

Web Site: Nick Strobel, Webmaster, explained that he has put up a new website introduction page with pictures of people. He also has put the list of favorites on the website. He asked for information so he can update the Sunday School page.

Worship: Carolyn Lonsinger, Worship Chair, said that the Worship committee will meet for lunch after worship on Oct. 14 and will plan Advent activities.

Evelyn Elliott explained that she has organized the Bibles and hymnals in the Sanctuary and placed those with large print on the back shelves. She said that there are enough Bibles but there is a need for five additional hymnals and 25 supplemental hymnals.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pam gave council members a summary page of what she has done since the last meeting. She explained that she would like to see the Bibles in the Sanctuary replaced with the New Revised Standard or New International.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Anne Scott

The next Administrative Council meeting will be October 15, 2007.

