

Administrative Council Meeting

Date: 08/21/2019 Time: 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Dawn Thomsen, Mary Lee Nielson, Avis Richter, Pastor Dayne Zachrison, Don Enger, Rydel Samuelson, Randi Watterson, Rob Marshall, Anita Tulp

Rob called the meeting to order. Pastor Dayne offered a devotion for us from our upcoming All-Church Study, *The Wesley Challenge* in Sept. & Oct. It will help anyone grow in faith and discipleship. He also introduced our next Sermon Series, *Treasure*, which will focus on stewardship during Oct. & Nov.

Rob called for the reading of the minutes from the May meeting and asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. Mary Lee moved to approve the minutes as read and Rydel seconded. Motion approved.

Finance—Avis reported that we are at 80% of giving so things are pretty tight. She has to watch when checks are sent out to ensure we don't over draft. She suggested we start talking about the 2020 budget at the September meeting. She also suggested visiting with Endowment and Holy Grounds to figure out a way to budget better. Don asked about the decision to hold off on the equalized giving to Trustees. The decision was to hold off for the summer from June through August and then revisit it at the September meeting. Don also asked about the Matthew 25 Ministry and the Salem funds. Avis said we are about \$2500 in the hole for the Matthew 25 Ministry and that the Salem funds are gone. She has about \$4000 in savings just to have if needed.

Avis also presented the requests to Endowment from Pastor Dayne that were approved by Finance and offered for approval to Ad Council. The first one is a \$750 request for the preservation of historical photos. The second request to Endowment is to cover the increase in costs of Annual Conference due to more people attending. The original request was for \$1419.06. After a deduction of some of Pastor Dayne's expenses the amount of the request came to \$1019.06. Both requests were approved.

Lay Member to Conference—Mary Lee reported that the biggest thing that happened at Annual Conference was the decision to be an inclusive church. Our denomination is holding their breath and waiting for the decision on a way to move forward.

Radical Hospitality

Trustees—Don reported that Deb Hegdahl resigned from the Trustees. They should have three women on the Trustees so they need to recruit. He talked about various lighting to be fixed and installed. Don also talked about the parsonage and the need to get the ball rolling. His understanding is that the chairs of committees should take the lead.

Coffee Kiosk—Dawn said things are going well. She said they had some extra expense in June due to the need to train new staff for the summer. A new sign has been installed and seems to have made a huge difference in traffic to the kiosk. The increase in revenue during July shows that the sign is working. There will be changes in schedule and staff again with school starting.

Hospitality Coordinator—Pastor Dayne said that Bev Enger and Michelle Grebel are taking this on and will start working to look at what others do and find a coach.

Spiritual Growth

Worship—Pastor Dayne complimented Randi for working hard to clean out the sacristy! It looks much better. Randi said she plans to ask the UMW for funds to use for a budget. The fresh flowers for the sanctuary were appreciated. There is a new bread source for communion through the new bakery in town. Mary Lee said to run the cost for the bread and juice as a kitchen expense.

Christian Ed.—Dawn said she is gearing up for fall and plans to start with Sunday Funday on August 25th. She plans to do a recap of VBS and have lunch after worship. Dawn and her girls cleaned out all the classrooms and cupboards. Teachers are lined up and ready to start on Sept. 8. Dawn saw on Facebook that Cokesbury was looking for new VBS Training Sites. She applied and is excited to announce that Epworth has been chosen as a VBS Training Site! The training workshop will take place on Saturday, February 22. By hosting the event, we will get about \$500 of VBS products for free.

Youth—Rydel reported that he had 10 youth attending the first night of Youth group. They gave Rydel a list of things they would like to do. Some are movie related yet they also want to learn about world religions. Everyone that went on the mission trip said it was their high of the summer.

Young Adult—Pastor Dayne said *The Vine* will start again in a couple of weeks. They still have a core group to work with so are looking forward to building more interest this year.

Signature Ministries

Open Table—Open Table will be served next week on Tuesday.

Matthew 25—

Bridges Backpack Ministry—Pastor Dayne reported that the summer meal served at the high school went well but they do not need to do the bussing since it was used very little.

We Love Washington School—Pastor Dayne has created a calendar of events which will help plan for ministry opportunities. The first plan is to serve the school staff an evening meal during the Parent/Teacher conferences on Oct. 28.

Missions—Pastor Dayne reported that we do not plan to collect items for school kits this year. This is due to Shopko closing and other changes in the school kit ministry.

Faith Communities Alive—Mary Lee said they haven't met regularly over the summer. Pastor Dayne commented that we enjoyed the grill that was received through a grant.

UMW—Mary Lee said she is gearing up for the Bazaar. She said our 83 year old lefse maker decided to quit this year yet she has already found another person to provide it. VirLyn reported that the UMW had a very successful produce and bake sale during the Men's Corn Feed this summer. During the August 7th Brunch, we honored Marlys Christ and Kathy Miller for their 80th birthdays with an extra mission gift. The September Unit meeting will be on Sept. 4th. She is inviting women to attend the District Mtg. in Dickinson September 13-14.

UMM—Pastor Dayne reported that the Corn Feed went well but we haven't heard any specifics yet.

Endowment—None

Collaborative Leadership

Staff/Parish—Mary Lee said she has nothing to report at this time.

Congregational Care—VirLyn reported that Anita and Dayne organized supper for tonight's Church Family Supper and served 52 people. Pastor Dayne said that the meal went very well. We grilled pork chops and had several salads to go with it. It is time for a new *Upper Room* to be delivered to our nursing home and assisted living people and she hopes to get Pastor Dayne scheduled to serve home communion as part of the fall activities.

Nominations—Pastor Dayne reported that they are working on imagining a new way of church leadership.

Ministry Support—Anita reported that she has received good support for the newsletter and with the busy summer she recruited help with unlocking and locking doors and also flower watering.

Pastoral Leadership—Pastor Dayne reported that he is looking forward to the Congregational study coming up. He had a great time on the mission trip and Youth 19 Event. There was lots of coordinating to do! Two of the adults that came on the trip from Tulare lost their 15 year old son recently. During the trip, volunteers noticed a child that was in crisis and the parents were notified of it. Pastor Dayne made a maintenance list of things that need to be done around the church and will offer these things to the congregation. Pastor Dayne also described the Theology Lunch taking place every Wednesday at VCSU.

New Business—none

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Breakthrough Prayer.

Our next regular meeting will be on September 18, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita Tulp, Epworth Office Administrator