

Administrative Council Meeting

Date: 10/11/2017 Time: 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Avis Richter, Mary Lee Nielson, Dorothy Schroeder, Lloyd Miller, Jeane Lang, Dawn Thomsen, Mike Watterson, Tonya Van Dyke, Matt Nielson, Anita Tulp, Pastor Dayne Zachrison

Mary Lee Nielson called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Dayne to open with prayer.

Coffee Kiosk—Mike Watterson was here to give an update on the Coffee Kiosk project. He said they may have enough money to start building before the next meeting yet realizes they need a final approval from Ad Council. He is asking what they should do about this. He is hoping and expecting funds to come in in the next couple of weeks. Avis made a motion to approve the build if they reach the funds needed. Tonya seconded. Motion carried. Mike also requested approval to open a checking account. Avis said she would just go and open the account yet we need to know what names will be on the account. Dawn moved to establish a checking account for the Coffee Kiosk with Avis, Mike, Pastor Dayne, and Anita on the account as well as the Manager yet to be named. Dorothy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advance Team—

Spiritual Formation—Our Church-wide Study *Renovate: Building a Life with God*, is ongoing. Several groups have started. We Love Washington School—There have been good comments about the “We Love Washington School” banner we put on the fence across from the school. Caramels were given to the teachers and there are plans to give small Christmas gifts. We are also thinking of a way that we can continually hold them up in prayer. Radical Welcome—We are still waiting for a coach.

Finance—Avis reported that we are \$20,000 below where we should be for this year. Giving is up, yet not meeting the budget. The expenses are in line with the budget and she did send in \$5000.00 towards apportionments and what was given for UMCOR. We have a finance meeting next week and will be working on the budget for 2018. Jeane moved to accept the finance report and Dawn seconded. Motion carried.

Trustees—The Trustees approved getting a new copy machine. They are going with Marco and hopefully, the new printer will come in a couple of weeks. The parking lot bill from Scott Cummings for \$37,000 brings the total expense of the project to \$126,700. We need about \$17,000 to pay for it. We needed to do the project right so knew that it would probably go over budget. The striping for the parking spaces will be done next spring. Scott Cummings did donate the removal of the old asphalt. The new fill by the edge of the parking lot will be seeded this fall.

Endowment—No report.

Christian Ed.—Dawn reported that they are having really good numbers for participation in Sunday School so far. She is looking forward to Christmas. It is nice to see new people in adult and children’s classes. There is a need to assess classroom space for everyone!

Staff/Parish—Will be meeting before the next meeting.

Worship—Dorothy said they haven’t really planned anything yet. Pastor Dayne said we have the week after Thanksgiving to decorate.

Missions—Fifty school kits were assembled and shipped! Randi will start working on the Shoebox Christmas project for this year.

Youth—Tonya said the youth are having a lock in at the church next week so she would like prayer for the event. She said her group is very diverse and it keeps her busy trying to meet all of their needs.

Young Adult—Pastor Dayne reported that *The Vine* is going well. They have added a couple of new people. Some of the *Vine* members helped with the *Open Table* meal, enjoyed it, and plan to continue helping with it.

Congregational Care—(Written report provided by VirLyn) VirLyn said they served about thirty for the Church Family Supper tonight. A Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled at the church for Sunday, October 22 by City County Health. She plans to have health forms available next Sunday to help with flow. She visited Noel and Pearl several times during Noel's hospitalization and gave Pearl a ride to Fargo one day. Pastor Dayne visited the Sheyenne Care Center with communion to our residents this past Monday.

UMW—The bazaar was once again very successful and went well! It was busy and brought in around \$14,000. Dawn added that she attended a session down in Kansas about a group called Building Better Moms and is interested in starting a group here. It is for moms of children ages infant through teens.

UMM—No report.

Other business—Mary Lee talked about the Fall Leadership event that she and Pastor Dayne attended. She said it was very interesting. They discussed the conflict in our church and the possibility of our church splitting over the homosexual issues. Our Bishop Ough is head of the Council of Bishops and is working to keep the church together through unity not uniformity.

Pastor Dayne mentioned he has 14 kids in Confirmation this year and that there are no seniors in the youth group this year. We will have a new member Sunday coming up. The staff is reading the book *Canoeing the Mountains* which he is enjoying. He also mentioned that the trip to the Leadership Institute in Kansas City was great. He is looking at several possibilities for a spring Church-wide Study. The Group Charge Conference meeting is scheduled for November 5th so the Pastor's salary needs to be decided by then. The report on A Way Forward may be the same date. Pastor Dayne, Dawn, and Tonya had a conference call with their coach for the Youth Cohort. They plan to go to Storm Mountain at the end of October for the Youth Cohort event.

Mary Lee asked if there was any other business, if none, the meeting is adjourned.

Pastor Dayne closed our meeting with the Breakthrough Prayer.

The next meeting will be November 8, 2017 at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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