

Administrative Council Meeting

Date: 4/11/2018 Time: 8:00 PM

Attendees:

Rob Marshall, Lloyd Miller, Avis Richter, VirLyn Hoff, Dawn Thomsen, Don Enger, Tonya Van Dyke, Mary Lee Nielson, Anita Tulp, Pastor Dayne Zachrison

Rob brought the meeting to order and asked Pastor Dayne to open in prayer. Pastor Dayne shared ideas from our Church-wide study book, *Hand Me Downs: Leaving a Legacy*, by Jim and Jennifer Cowart.

Rob called for reading of the minutes and asked for corrections or additions. Motion and second to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved.

Rob asked for additions to the agenda.

Advance Team— Radical Welcome—We have hosted a couple of funerals for community members that have no church connection. It was an interesting and sometimes uncomfortable experience. Yet, we have done what we are called to do and served many unchurched people, welcomed them into our church, and have shown them that church isn't scary!

Coffee Kiosk—Dawn reported that things are going well. They are starting to see patterns for busy days and hours. Mark Miller is working on promotional items and a sign for the kiosk. The need for more loyalty card storage is a good problem.

Finance—Avis gave the finance report. We are behind about \$12,000 right now. Giving is only at 81 % so she had to use some savings to pay bills this month. Hoping that things will get better. Plans for making the congregation aware of our finances will be published in the bulletin and newsletter.

Trustees—The Trustees put up new shades in the Sunrise Room. They are looking at lighting issues for the education wing and Sunrise Room.

Endowment—No report.

Christian Ed.—Dawn said that Easter activities went well. She is busy now with end of year activities and getting ready for VBS. Still looking for some volunteers for VBS and has already begun recruiting for fall.

Staff/Parish—Staff/Parish has not met again yet and everything looks good.

Worship—The Easter Breakfast was served and the proceeds will go to the Worship Team for Easter décor in the sanctuary.

Missions—Fry Bread kits are being collected for Spirit Lake Ministry Center. Pastor Mike Flowers will be here on Sunday to deliver the message for Native American Ministries Sunday. Camp Sunday is coming up as well and there are plans to “fill a tent” with items for Wesley Acres. Paul & Brenda Lint, Directors of WAC, will be here to give a camp message that morning. Compassion Sunday will be held this month as well with Mike & Randi Watterson providing information on that ministry.

Youth—Tonya said the youth enjoyed the changes in the Good Friday service and they did a good job. They are spending time in fellowship now and looking forward to a couple of end of the year activities.

Young Adult—*The Vine* will have their last service for the year on May 6th. They plan to have a picnic meal at Pastor Dayne's.

Congregational Care—VirLyn said that supper went well tonight. She continues to try and connect with people.

UMW—There is a group of UMW ladies that plan to attend the national assembly scheduled for May in Columbus, Ohio. This will be a celebration of 150 years of United Methodist Women.

UMM—The French Toast Brunch went well.

New business—Mary Lee requested that we develop a policy for mission projects and what we support or allow to be promoted in our church. Discussion. It was decided that Mary Lee and Pastor Dayne will work on a policy and present it to the council.

Pastor Dayne said that he has an opportunity to begin studies for a graduate program. The cost for the year long program is \$5000.00 and a Lily Grant will pay for \$4000.00 of that. Pastor Dayne said he would use his \$500.00 of continuing education funds and request \$500.00 from Endowment to cover the remaining balance. He is asking the Council for permission to pursue this program. Tonya made the motion to give Pastor Dayne permission to pursue this program. Avis seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Dayne closed our meeting with prayer.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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