

**OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 20, 2009 7:20 p.m. – 8:52 p.m.

Attendees	Pastor Bill Shaw, Bruce Bedingfield, Glen Hollingsworth, Rob and Cathy Mottar, Marianne Rogenski, Gwyn Greenwalt, Rich Hill, Jill Wood-Naatz, Joanne Gregorash, Jerry McDaniel, Mike Wojtal, Mary Knoppel, Penny Miller
Introductions & Blessing	Introductions were made 7:20 pm and a Prayer was offered by Pastor Bill
Devotions	Jill Wood Naatz offered a reading of a poem from Dr. Maya Angelou's book <i>Letter To My Daughter</i>
Administration	<p>Calendar: Jerry McDaniel reported UMM's Men's Retreat was not reported and recorded on the Calendar. That date is October 23, 2009. Open MicNight is scheduled for the same night. After a short discussion Gwyn Greenwalt moved Open Mic Night to October 24th, 2009</p> <p>Jill Wood-Naatz volunteered for Devotions in September</p> <p>Turn in Reports to Penny Miller at mostcrafty@wideopenwest.com</p>
New Faith Community Proposal	<p>Growing Disciples for Jesus Christ</p> <p>Introduction Last year I approached the Administrative Council about growing the church by starting a new faith community as part of Our Redeemer's The new faith community would be a Spanish speaking community that would be part of our church, be included in all aspects of our ministry and be part of our service to the world as Christ's disciples.</p> <p>Rationale In finance and education we have discussed the changing demographics in our community. As a church we saw this as a reality that all churches must consider, but also an opportunity to grow the church and make disciples of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Background and Current situation In the last 4 years our conference has been working on a program called <u>Vision 2020</u>. The purpose of the program is to grow new faith communities, some would be new church starts, and others (like the one we are proposing) would work with a current congregation like ours. In the program we are proposing our church would partner with the annual conference and work towards beginning a Spanish speaking ministry out of Our Redeemer's. The annual conference would commit to provide a staff person (trained by the annual conference) and would contribute \$12,000 for their part time salary. They would ask of us that we make an office available for that person and contribute \$10,000 toward their salary. The conference would commit to the financial assistance for 2-3 years.</p>

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Motion

“Our Redeemer’s United Methodist Church will begin building a Spanish speaking faith community in partnership with the Northern Illinois conference staff. I move that we create a ministry team to work with the staff from the Northern Illinois conference to strategically work through a process to implement the proposal”

Preliminary plans & discussions

The initial thoughts for the ministry would include planning and building relationships with Spanish speaking people in our area. This would culminate in beginning a new community in the fall of 2010.

Discussion leaders: Pastor Bill Shaw and Cathy Mottar

Demographics shown to Pastor Bill and Cathy by Conference Members shows a large Hispanic group within travel distance of Our Redeemers which might be targeted for the New Faith Community Proposal. This is the largest growing group.

Much discussion ensued regarding the existence of other programs, the targeting of a specific group, ORUMC’s fiscal responsibility and the Conference’s proposed fiscal responsibilities, housing requirements, how to incorporate this new targeted group within existing church functions. More discussion is required as well as more research as well as indications that we need to broach the subject to the congregation and get their vote or input.

Questions from the Board included?

- Are we the right congregation for this undertaking?
- How can we draw individuals from the New Faith Community into our current services?
- Are we responding to an existing need?
- Are there already Churches in the area responding to this need?
- Are they successful?

- Should we contact them to ask what they have learned during the process that would help make us successful?
- What is Conferences Success Rate?
- Will we run out of space or have conflicting uses for the space?

Cathy Mottar advised she is aware of churches that are successful and reminded the board that cultural holidays might be different. Both Pastor

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	<p>Bill and Cathy reported the Conference is willing to commit to giving ORUMC \$12,000.00 for 2 possibly 3 years if ORUMC will commit to undertaking New Faith Community proposal and if we can commit to donating \$10,000.00 and a location /office space. Conference will provide us with a trained Associate Minister.</p> <p>Gwyn Greenwalt urged us to remember this will change our administrative office procedures as well; we may need a answering message in English and Spanish, if this is the 2nd language of the group we will be administering to. Also we may need a support person on staff who speaks Spanish or whatever the 2nd language might be. Gwyn also suggested an announcement be made to our current Congregation. A general consensus was indicated by the Members of the Board. Gwyn also raised the concern that perhaps we should be growing our current congregation through efforts in the Sunday School Program but getting the Parents more aware and more involved and also by hiring an Education Team Member. Pastor Bill believes we should be able to do both.</p> <p>It was discussed that a team might be assembled to research construct a proposal. Bruce Bedingfield wondered what a team might look like and also wondered if someone from the Conference might be able to come speak to the Team and/or the Congregation. Additional discussion ensued posing more questions and it was determined this topic would need to be revisited next month.</p>
Sharing	Committee Reports
Worship Technology Task Force /WTTF	No Report
Staff Parish	<p>Glen Hollingsworth Report</p> <p>Motioned to re-establish the Nursery/Crib room in the way of repair to a wall, purchase of cribs, linen for cribs and recommends the hiring of an assistant to help attend in this area. Proposed budget impact is estimated at \$1200.00 for Cribs and linens and additionally \$1000.00 yearly for additional nursery staff. Second not required as Pastor Bill moved to wave the Rule preventing the Board from voting tonight on the proposal so a vote could be forthcoming within the meeting. Jill Wood-Naatz Second. Motion passed.</p> <p>Voting commenced and approval was given to proceed with the Nursery/Crib proposal. Vote passed by a majority.</p>
Worship / Music	No Report
Micah Ministries	<p>Bruce Bedingfield Report</p> <p>Funds will be sent to Richard Vales as directed from the Memorabilia</p>

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	Night and more amiable contact has been made between ORUMC and Richard Vales and Richard will send receipts for goods purchased with our donations for his ministry
Finance	No Report
Stewardship	No Report
Trustees	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parking lot was sealed and stripped 2. Air ducts in CCCC were cleaned and sanitized 3. Roof repairs have been completed 4. A/C unit for Wesley Hall is down. Received bid to replace furnace and A/C. 5. Tree that was split near CCCC playground was taken down. There are a few pine and spruce trees that are dying along Springinsguth Road. An overall plan to replace lost landscaping plants is in the process of being drawn up. 6. New handicapped posts and parking signs have been installed along north side of parking lot.
Nominations	No Report
UMW	No Report
UMM	No Report
Evangelism	No Report
Education	No Report
Lay Leader	No Report
Memorial Committee	No Report
Caring Ministries	No Report
Christian Corner	<p>Michael Wojtal Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New refrigerator ordered & delivered to kitchen on August 7th 2. Number of students is 30--26-Full time & 4--Part time 3. CCCC board members will start meeting every other month-next CCCC meeting Oct 13th At October meeting will discuss budget for 2010 4. New wood chips on playground-black fabric straightened
Natural Church Development	No Report
Pastor's Report	No Report

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<p>Family Ministry</p>	<p>Gwyn Greenwalt Report Gwyn asked for input from the Board for their thoughts on pricing for the Dunk Tank. A discussion ensued and Pastor Bill encouraged Gwyn to set a higher price for closer contact and lower for kids as opposed to adults. The Board was in agreement.</p> <p><u>CHURCH PICNIC</u></p> <p>The church picnic is Sunday, August 30th. Tickets are currently on sale. The format is basically the same as in years past. We've given out free tickets at some of our recent events (VBS and Godspell) and have ordered extra food in hopes that we'll have some recent visitors attend the picnic.</p> <p>We'll have the normal games and activities (volleyball, water balloons, ice cream eating and bubblegum blowing contest, face painting).</p> <p>We will also have a tree climbing activity by Brian Fowle and a dunk tank to benefit the Pastoral Discretionary Fund. I'm looking for direction on pricing for the dunk tank, wanting to support the PDF but not make it so expensive that members can't participate. I plan to charge different rates for younger children vs. adults.</p> <p>I've eliminated the snow cone machine due to a lack of volunteer help and because of increased rental costs with the dunk tank. The kids will miss the snow cones, but I will have Icees instead which the kids really like.</p> <p>No event scheduled for September.</p> <p><u>OPEN MIC NIGHT</u></p> <p>Family Ministries is taking over the coordination of Open Mic Night. This year's Open Mic Night is set for Saturday, October 24th.</p>
<p>Youth Director's Report</p>	<p>Marianne Rogenski Reported: Youth: We have had two successful events this summer--a frisbee golf outing in July and we just had a game night here at the church on Monday. Both were well attended.</p> <p>We look forward to beginning confirmation with an informational picnic for students and parents on September 13 from 5-6:30pm. Youth council is providing the food.</p> <p>Sr. High youth group will kick-off the year with an outing to Lou Malnati's</p>

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Youth Director's Report	<p>on Saturday, September 12. We are really looking forward to getting this group off-site more so that they know and understand that church is not just this building. This will also give the adult leaders a chance to get to know the students in a different environment. We will be going to Lou Malnatis, Starbucks, and Mcdonalds and plan on being in the church every other meeting and outside the church every other meeting. We are working hard to inform the parents of the new program and will work with the youth fund to help pay for some of these outings.</p> <p>We are looking forward to some new leadership for the sr. high youth group--there are about 4 new adults that will help out.</p> <p>633: 633 will have a new name this fall--Unfiltered @633! We are excited about this new identity as we work to grow this service. Our alternative worship style allows us to present God's Kingdom in a way that is truly "unfiltered." You will experience worship in a whole new way. Come and see what we're all about as we walk out God's kingdom together. Experience how you, personally, can identify with Christ in our ever changing, fast-paced world. We begin again on September 13.</p> <p>Unfiltered @ 633 has another change as well--we will be having Sunday School during the service. This will be a multiage class for preschool students through students in 3rd grade. We will be using the same curriculum as the morning Sunday School classes. The Sunday school kids will worship in the sanctuary through the opening songs, have their class, and then return to the sanctuary for the closing song and end of the service. We are very excited about this addition. As for teachers, we are looking for people to commit to just one Sunday per month and we will have a rotation. While we have at least one person committed to this, we are still looking for volunteers.</p> <p>Finally, we will be giving stress balls out to all church-goers (morning and evening) on September 13. We feel that this is a good way to get the word out and start some conversations about who we are as a church and what Unfiltered really is all about.</p>
New Business	<p>Uncle Phil's Diner Proceeds: Jill Wood-Naatz reported. Uncle Phil's Profit equaled approx. \$2,697.00. \$500.00 went back into the Accounts held for Acts. \$500.00 went to Rogers Park Soup Kitchen. \$1692 went to the Chicago Food Depository with an edict that some of the funds were to go to our local pantries. We received a Thank you from the Chicago Food Depository.</p>

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Goals	Goals have been tabled until September 17, 2009
Next Meeting	September 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.
Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjourned	8:52 p.m. Meeting was adjourned by Cathy Mottar who also gave the closing prayer.
	Respectfully submitted – Penny Miller Please send corrections and reports to mostcrafty@wideopenwest.com . Thank you.