

Administrative Council Meeting

August 15, 2013

6:30 P.M.

Present: Rev Sunny Ahn, Von Evitts, Marianne Rogenski, Jerry McDaniel, Shirley McDaniel, Jim Naatz, Melinda Taylor, Jill Wood-Naatz, JoAnne Gregorash, Steve Miller, Bruce Bedingfield, Marshall Nystrom, Brian Calderwood, Jeff Randall.

Opening Prayer – Jim opened with prayer.

Devotions— JoAnne gave a devotion about faith, doubt, and grace. Marshall will do the devotion next month.

Administration

- Jerry had calendars for everyone to check, especially for those groups starting up again in September, and asked for newsletter articles. Jerry will be on vacation for October's newsletter (prepared in September); we need volunteers to help prepare it. Training is available.
- We will ask Lori to send out the June minutes again.

Sharing:

- Senior Pastor's Report—*see attached report*
- Youth Director's Report—*see attached report*
- Staff Parish—Von reported that there was a meeting last week. Will start evaluating staff in September. Sunny added that they are reviewing personnel and safe sanctuary policies, which would then be brought to Ad Council.
- Finance— see *attached report*
- Trustees— Did not meet last month. Brian and Jim reported that the trees have been removed. There is a subcommittee looking into all the maintenance issues around the church.
- Education - *see attached report*
- Nominations— Sunny reported that committees are getting emails, people are being called to offer ministry opportunities. Committee will meet on Sunday.
- Worship— Jill read from Ron Zemke's article (which will be in the newsletter) that we worship One and only One; is our worship service evoking this? Perhaps we should be focusing on our strengths; there are over 100 churches within a 20 minute drive of ORUMC. Common factors of friends & family, love & acceptance, were what the survey revealed as reasons people attend. Intergenerational worship is important. Task force met Sat, Aug 10, discussing the survey and how to make worship meaningful. Survey (205 people) majority said we want more congregational singing, like blended worship, communion & bulletin important, services not motivating/inspiring but are spiritual, don't like responsive reading. Discussed the idea of going to one service year round; think about it and talk to others; will discuss more next meeting; if it happened, wouldn't be until next January or maybe even next fall.
- Music— Von said that at the last meeting, the various groups planned their music. Children's choirs will start practicing in Sept, first sing in Oct.
- Micah Ministries— Jill reported that they have not been very active. Do the offering of letters (Bread for the World) and the Heifer Project. Want to add Faith in Action; Jill has

been working with Ryan Wallace from The Community Renewal Society about developing a team that will choose social justice challenges such as racism & poverty. He will meet with the group once a month, first meeting Aug 29. Bruce added that Micah may become more like Caring Ministries with individuals heading up causes/ministries.

- Caring ministries— Bruce thanked Jerry for the updated Caring Ministries brochure. Both the conference and our church are focusing on who are our neighbors, such as feeding our neighbors.
- UMW – Melinda said that Women of Faith is coming up at the end of September, approximately 30 women going. Had several special interest events over the summer. Plan to discuss how to “be good neighbors” at the next quarterly meeting Sept 10.
- WTTF – Steve said that they had \$19,000 before Godspell. Last quote was for \$26,000, so they will need to get new bids (several years old). He & Marshall will begin talking with Mark Harris, Jason Stebbins & Jeff Oster about building out the booth in preparation for the new sound system. Jerry added that the profit from Godspell was about \$2900. Steve said that they may be able to get the main components, then add microphones, etc, soon after. Marianne said that someone came in for Godspell from the sign, didn’t have cash, was able to use online giving! Discussion about letting congregation know how close we are to the goal, and what they can individually do to get us there.
- UMM – Steve said that it’s almost pizza time. Men’s Spiritual Congress is Sept 13 – 15. The fall retreat is Oct 18/19.
- Evangelism— Not yet functioning. Bruce noted that in the past they’ve done letters to the neighbors.
- Lay Leader— JoAnne said that she will have a mini-training for substitute liturgists before the end of the month; has three so far. Marcy Newberry has closed, so all the soup labels will go to McCurdy School.
- Memorial Committee—**see attached report** Jeff said they met July 25. They found at their May meeting that they had not been credited for income for the year, because the donations for Paula Patterson and Justin went to the Sound System. \$5,119 YTD income, \$210 YTD expenses, balance as of 7/25 \$13,814 (\$8,695 after sound system donations taken out). New income since the last meeting was \$315.
- Stewardship—**no meetings, no report**
- Christian Corner – Brian reported that they renewed their license – went smoothly. New wood chips in playground (because of DCFS review). Enrollment in the mid twenties. Were in the mid thirties in the spring, almost full then. Should be back up in the fall. Around half of the kids are on the state assistance program.

Charge conference reports are due Oct 13; conference is Oct 24.

Bruce noted that we will start our 50 year anniversary celebration soon.

Next regularly scheduled Administrative Council Meeting

September 19th at 6:30 P.M.

Closed in prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Finance

Here are my notes for the Finance Committee report to Ad Council--

Finance Committee did not meet in July. Next meeting is next Tues Aug 20, 2013. This summary is for 1st half of 2013.

Regular envelope giving of \$140,751 continues to be below budget by about 6%. Operating income is \$160,093.

Operating expenses at \$159,216 are slightly below budgeted amounts, approximately 5%.

ORUMC Apportionment was paid in July.

Marianne Rogenski has interim duties relating to Education which will be reflected beginning with August payroll.

Finance. Committee will begin budget process for 2014 next month in September. Committee and ministry chairpersons will be getting budget reports to discuss with their groups. The final schedule will be announced at the next meeting.

Carolyn

PASTOR REPORT TO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (08/15/2013)

By Rev. Dr. Sunny Ahn

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP & PASTORAL CARE

- **Pastoral Care:**
 - *Birth:* Kelsey Gorvett gave a birth to her daughter, Brooklyn Maire, on Thursday, August 1, at 9:36pm at Alexian Brothers. She is 19 inch long & 5.14 lbs. The mother and baby are well.
 - *Death:* Arlene Carlson (Stephanie Edwards's mother), Harry Schlinker (service on 8/16)
 - *Critical Care:* The persons who do not want to be known in public → One with Pancreatic Cancer, and another with Heart Attack
 - *Need of Special Prayers:* Nona Schlinker, Justin Miller's family & families who do not want to be identified their critical situations in public
- **Worship:** There was a worship meeting on Saturday, 8/10, to review the results of the worship survey. No critical change will be made, but we will continue our conversation to bring the "excellent & passionate" worship to ORUMC.
Thank you, Julie Gorvett & Bruce Bedinginfield, for delivering an awesome message on Sundays, 7/14 & 7/28. Thank you!
 - ***ONE Worship at 10am for Summer Sundays (5/26-9/1; Memorial Day-Labor Day)***
 - ***"Vitality Check" Sermon Series (8/11-9/8):*** For evaluating the vitality of our physical body, the doctors are usually measuring the levels of blood glucose, total cholesterol, blood pressure and height/weight measurements. In this five-week sermon series on "The Five Practices of Vitality," we will think about the vitality of our spiritual body through the vitality measurement tools provided by Bishop Robert Schnase who serves

the Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church as the resident Bishop.
Healthy Christians make a healthy congregation that transforms the world!

- *08/11: Vitality Check: Radical Hospitality*
- *08/18: Vitality Check: Passionate Worship*
- *08/25: Vitality Check: Intentional Faith Development*
- *09/01: Vitality Check: Risk-Taking Mission and Service*
- *09/08: Vitality Check: Extravagant Generosity*

MINISTRY OF ORDER

- **Start to work on Lay Leadership (Nomination) Report 2014**
- **08/15 (Th, 6:30pm): Administrative Council Meeting**
- **08/25 (Sun, 11:30am): Staff's Safe Sanctuary Training**
- **10/24 (Th): SPRC @ 6:15pm and Charge Conference @ 7pm**

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

- **Within ORUMC**
 - 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2014: Have not met in summer.
 - Church Picnic (9/8)
 - United Methodist Women (UMW): Quarterly Meeting on 9/10; Women of Faith (9/27-28)
- **Within Community**
 - SHECA (Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Clergy Association): Septemberfest (8/31)
 - Community Communion Service at Friendship Village (9/5, 11:30am)
 - Community Communion Service at Devonshire (9/26, 11am)
- **Within District/Conference/Denomination Connectional Ministry:**
 - District Resource/Training Event (9/4, 10am)
- **Continuing Education:**
 - *08/18-23 (Sun, 5:30pm-F, 12noon, Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA): Academy for Spiritual Formation*

ADULT EDUCATION & SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Starting August 2013, Christian Education Ministry for Children (Infant-6th) will be under the leadership of Marianne Rogenski. I am her backup person in Children's ministry. Still Adult education and small group ministry which are the ministries under the umbrella of Education Minister will be under my leadership.

- **Adult Education & Small Group Ministry are on break for summer**
- **Wednesday Bible Reading with Potluck Salad Brunch (8/14, 10am at the home of Inez Morgan)**

Youth report:

We will begin youth group on September 8 at 6:30pm...same format as last year with jr. and sr. high meeting separately for Bible study and discussion and then together for fellowship and games at the end. We are going to try to be out of the church building once a month or once every 6 weeks or so—with sr. high especially and sometimes jr. high will join us. We will also be doing a service project once every month or 2 as we have the last couple of years.

We had a great summer with Godspell, ASP, pool party, game night, etc.

We have 2 youth going to Habitat for Humanity on Saturday. Hopefully we can get even more to go in October.

I am hoping to get the youth involved in our new Sunday School curriculum—they will be able to help in several ways and I am looking forward to getting them involved as it is important for them to begin to take on some responsibilities in the church.

Education report:

Rally Day is September 8—9am the kids will start in the sanctuary, teachers will be introduced, and then the kids will be led out to Sunday School. 10:30am—teachers and youth group leaders recognized and blessed.

We have a new format for our Sunday School this year and we are very excited to try it. We will be doing a One Room Sunday School for children 3 years old through 6th grade. As I said, the jr. and sr. high youth will be helping out and there will of course be adult teachers also. There is a team that has been working on this all summer and it should work very well. There will be some bumps along the way but I am confident that we will work through them and have a very strong program. The One Room Sunday School will be in Wesley Hall which will involve some set-up (taken care of by education committee) and coordination with the snack table. *(Some discussion about whether snacks should stay in the narthex or move back to Wesley Hall).*

Backpack blessing and school supply collection is this Sunday.

Kids Hope—Ron has started to ask for volunteers. The program starts up in October.

We have an education meeting coming up on Sunday.

Is it ok if education moves the cabinets back to Wesley Hall (from room 1) since we will be having Sunday School back there? We will also be adding a small file cabinet.

Teacher training is Saturday, August 24 (includes Safe Sanctuary) 8:30 to noon, or Sunday August 25 (only Safe Sanctuary).

Thanks,
Marianne