

Ad Council Minutes
August 21, 2008

Attending: Sherrie Cottrell, Rich Hill, Jerry & Shirley McDaniel, JoAnne Gregorash, Mary Knoppel, Gwyn Greenwalt, Karen Moore, Glen Hollingsworth, Jim Naatz, Marshall Nystrom, John Machonis, Bruce Bedingfield and Pastor Bill.

Pastor Bill opened the meeting with prayer. Bruce gave devotions.

Minutes

Jim had a correction to the minutes. The Trustees have not yet replaced the Exit lights with LED lights. It is in their plan.

John moved – Glen seconded – Minutes be approved as corrected.

Calendar

Jer gave copies of Sept and Oct and asked for updates. He asked that all committees make sure that their regular meetings are shown on the calendar for the upcoming church year.

Web Site

The web site needs input from all work areas. Each committee should review the web content and give Marshall updates. The Finance and the Trustee committees are exempt.

Pastor Report

Pastor Bill said that the Clergy Assn is hoping to coordinate a joint food drive. Plans are not firm yet.

The Natural Church Development committee has been working to develop additional small groups. Pastor Bill has presented information to the congregation about new groups. Additional information and recruitment to follow. One of the groups will be a rebirth of the former potluck groups. Eat in and eat out groups would be an option. Childcare could be provided.

Vision Sunday and the Celebration Luncheon will be October 19. We will celebrate that the 'Hay is in the Barn' and will feature a mortgage burning. The luncheon will be at church. We will have tables set up in the sanctuary for both the service and the luncheon. Volunteers are needed to help with the setup and cleanup. We will be asking people to sign up for attendance. The Ad Council will be asked to call those who have not made a reservation. In order to do that we need to move the October Ad Council meeting to Oct 9.

Director of Discipleship

Carolyn is away, but reports that the movie memorabilia (from Dann Gire's collection of movie 'stuff') will be auctioned on Sept 26.

Youth Director

No report from Marianne.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WTTF

Marshall reported that the tech team will be looking at an upgrade for the audio system. Both the size of the booth and the number of audio channels need to be expanded.

Finance

John showed the finance report through July. Giving is currently 5% below budget, but the committee feels that this is acceptable at this time.

Staff Parish

Glen reported that Ron Zemke will be director of Sounds of Grace.

The choir director salary will be adjusted to reflect the choir performing a 4th Sunday.

The plans for an education director are still up in the air.

Carolyn has asked to phase out of her Director of Discipleship job by the end of the year.
Childcare is still needed for the 6:33 service.
Performance reviews will be started next month. Please respond quickly if asked for a review.

Worship/Music

Karen thanked all who participate in summer music. The fall choir season will start Sept 3 with the choir/chimes potluck and first choir rehearsal. The choir will sing Sept 7. Chime rehearsal will start Sept 10. The Chancel Choir will sing 4 Sundays instead of 3. The Sounds of Grace will sing on 2 Sundays in addition to the Chancel Choir. Some rearranging will be required.
The music committee is looking into adding bells to the chime choir. They have been working with the memorial committee. The cost would be about \$8,000.
Jer asked if the men's chorus could be included in a regular schedule.

Family Ministries

Gwyn reported that the fishing event was a success with 3 families participating. The All Church Picnic is ready to go on August 24.
Gwyn is planning for a family square dance/hoe-down on Oct 4. Cost would be \$250. John said we had money in the Picnic Fund that could be used.

Micah/Caring Ministries

Bruce had nothing to report. The next meeting is Sept 2.

Stewardship

No report.

Trustees

Jim reported that the parsonage furnace and water heater have been replaced. The air conditioner compressor was not replaced. It had been replaced several years ago. The furnace was original equipment. The trustees will host an all church cleanup day Sept 6.
The parsonage will eventually need a major revamp. No updating has been done for several years. The trustees can use some new blood. Many of the committee have served a while and fresh bodies are needed.

Nominations

Pastor Bill said the nominations committee needs suggestions for all committees.

UMW

Sherrie reported that the first UMW meeting of the fall season will be Sept 20 with a presentation from a Jewish woman. They have scheduled presentations by Hindu and Catholic women.

UMM

The UMM Spiritual Congress will be Sept 12-14 in Williams Bay, WI. Rev David Adams, general secretary of the General Commission on United Methodist Men will be the featured presenter.
The ORUMC UMM retreat will be Oct 24-25 at Wesley Woods.
Marshall has reviewed the book *Who Stole My Church* for use by a study group.
Steve Miller (singing Steve) will become UMM president.

Evangelism

No report

Education

The committee meets next week. Teachers are needed for both high school and jr high school.

Lay Leader

No report.

Memorial

Mary reports that wish lists for memorial gifts are still needed.

Christian Corner

Jim reported that the CCCC has completed an audit of procedures and bookkeeping. The financial health is good. They have passed all inspections without problems. Justina has done a great job.

Success

Pastor Bill will discuss what success means as part of the Celebration Sunday. What does paying off the mortgage mean about the future of Our Redeemer's?

Flood Action

Jer asked about flood relief for the Mississippi River floods. JoAnne will check with the conference about flood relief fund raising plans.

Pastor Bill led the closing prayer.

Next meeting September 18, 7:15 p.m.