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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2012

- **Welcome/Call to Order**
Chairperson Dale Wilson called the meeting to order.
Rev. Dennis opened the meeting with prayer.
The attendance sheet was passed around to be signed by those present.
- **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes of the February 13, 2012 meeting were not read since everyone received a copy prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections.
- **Ministry Perspective**

Rev. Dennis passed out a message from Bishop Mike. The message is to remind us that the goal of the church is not just about the number of people who attend church but is about the number of people who profess their faith in Christ. Rev. Dennis reminded us that the number of people who attend church on Easter Sunday is the potential for every Sunday.

Assistant Pastor Ben passed out a list of goals for the 11:10 worship service. The attendance this year from January 1st to Easter Sunday compared to last year showed an 8% increase. Pastor Ben's goal for attendance at that service is 90 to 100 or a 30% increase by the end of the year. Pastor Ben feels that the key to meeting that goal is having a children's program during that service. He would also like to get the young adults in the church more involved in the missions that the church participates in.

Lay Leader Steve Klinger continues to encourage people to tell their individual stories. It's important to remember that we need to follow and model Christ's example in our daily interactions, not just in church.
- **Administrative Reports**

Trustees – Davis Stinson reported that a new hot water heater, water softener and pump have been installed. He thanked everyone who attended the work day. It was well attended and a lot was accomplished. The next project is extending power to the shelter and the garage. The trustees' budget should be under budget this year because of the savings on snow removal. The next biggest goal is a new roof for the church.

Staff Parish Relations – Greg Long was not able to attend the meeting but sent an email stating that there was nothing new since the last Council meeting. His committee wanted to comment that they are pleased with the integration of the new staff. The SPR committee will focus on growth for the rest of the year.

Lay Leadership – Rev. Dennis said that the goal for the committee in the coming year is to meet as many of the new people who come to church as they can.

Finance Committee – Bill Yeager gave the report since Jeff Quayle was unable to attend. The committee has met one time this year. They discussed a different kind of budget process where they would prioritize expenses. No firm decision has been made about making the change but they will continue to discuss it.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Yeager passed out the Treasurer's Report. The report shows that income is down about 4% for the first quarter. That isn't a large percentage but on a large amount of money it is significant. All accounts payable are current. Because of our financial position it was decided to pay our tithes to the District and Conference one month in arrears. Chairperson Dale cautioned committees to be careful in their expenditures until we know when our finances will improve. Rev. Dennis commented that people are generous but if we would receive just \$1000 more a week we would be able to continue with the ministries we've committee to. This is a downward trend but not a crisis. Special projects are what God has called us to do, even in difficult times.

Wills & Memorials – John Ehrhart reported that the committee had not met yet this year but plan to meet shortly. Their long range goal is to help people think about estate planning by using the *Gift Acceptance Policy*. Using this new policy will help with the long range financial picture.

Communications Committee – Tammy Payton reported that they were tracking the usage of the church's website. There were 376 different people who visited the website in one month for an average of five minutes. Tammy says that is a pretty good average. There are 210 subscribers to the electronic newsletter. Tammy asked that committees or groups notify them so that the Communications Committee can help advertise any events they might be having. The new church directory has been completed and mailed out. The company that put the directory together charges \$8000 for the project. While that is a reasonable charge, it is possible that the Henderson Mission group would be interested in taking on this project and possibly completing it at a lower cost. No decision was made at this time as to who would receive the income from the directory, the Henderson Mission group or the church's general fund if the change was made.

- **Ministry and Missions Reports**

Worship Committee – Jeff Lawson reported that his committee is currently running 31% under their projected cost. They are trying to scale back on costs on special projects. The goal of the committee is to double the size of the third worship service by the end of 2012. They also want to extend the reach of worship by having more special events like Josh Bliell. Pastor Ben asked about the possibility of looking into sponsorships for special events to help offset the expense.

Missions Committee – Pam Tabor reported that the goal of their committee was to increase participation in missions by 50% and to connect one hundred people to a mission that they are not currently involved in. Even though their goals weren't fully met, they will continue to educate the congregation on the missions that our church supports and to offer new opportunities to serve. They plan to hold a mission fair in early summer. The committee's finances are on target because most of their funds are allocated to specific missions. Some funds are designated for emergencies that come up in the congregation so there's no way to know if that money will be used or not.

Children's Education, Family Ministries & Preschool – Lydia Rychtarczyk reported that one of the committee's goals last year was the summer lunch program. It was very successful and they hope to continue and grow the program this year. The committee hopes to provide lunches during the week that Grace Church sponsors a VBS program at the mobile home park during the summer. The Mommy & Me class that started in January has been so successful that they plan to continue it. The one goal that the committee has not been able to meet was to have a waiting list of Sunday School teachers. Plans for Vacation Bible School are under way. The theme this year is "Operation Overboard." The Easter Bunny breakfast was very successful. The goal of the Family Ministries is to have more members on the committee. Preschool enrollment for next year is excellent. The young 3's class already has 10 students, which is good. Preschool graduation will be the evenings of May 16th and May 17th. Graduations are better attended if they are held in the evenings. The staff plans to participate in the Old Settler's Parade representing the preschool and the church.

Youth Program – Bryan Vickery was not able to attend the meeting so Tammy reported for him. One of Bryan's goals is to partner with other youth leaders in the county. Bryan has already met with youth leaders from Grace Church and Mt. Gilead and created a facebook page with the purpose of serving the youth of the community better. In May Bryan will have a meeting with the parents of the youth to discuss the upcoming mission trip.

Adult Education – Tammy reported that small group participation increased when we had a church wide sermon/small group meeting focus. To keep this increase in participation going, there will be other opportunities to get together and connect with new people. Witness Wonderful Wednesdays are missed by a lot of people. There has been some discussion on how to bring this program back but it's difficult to find someone committed to the meal preparation. There are plans on Saturday, June 2nd for a "Backyard Church" in the new shelter with a pitch-in meal and service. This is one of several opportunities over the summer to take church outside the walls of the church. The adult education budget is \$4500 for the year but only \$1100 has been spent. Tammy wants to be sure there are funds available for materials for education. The return on the funds spent on education comes back to the church. In the fall there are plans to offer a six week church wide program again.

Health & Welfare – Cheryl Howard reported that there were five people who attended the recent CPR class. No one stepped forward to head the Relay for Life team for our church this year but Cheryl is encouraging everyone to participate if they can. The committee's goals are to have a committee, which Cheryl is still hoping to do, and to start a support group for caregivers. That is difficult to do because caregivers are busy giving care.

Evangelism/Outreach – Steve Klinger would like to have more people involved in evangelism. Pastor Ben and his wife, Rebecca, have been involved in the outreach ministry. Steve is happy to have them participate since Ben and Rebecca represent a younger demographic, which is the age group that is being targeted for the third service.

UMW – Mary Craig reported that they are working on the annual strawberry festival. There is a need for more members and new ideas for fundraisers.

UMM – John Crawford shared that the men's group meets the second Saturday of each month for breakfast. The group has purchased six picnic tables for the new shelter which they will be assembling at their next meeting. They would like to increase their membership; they average about 10-12 men each month.

- Unfinished Business – None

- New Business – None

The next Administrative Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Pastor Ben closed the meeting with prayer.