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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 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**
 - Minutes of the November 13, 2011 meeting were not read since everyone received a copy prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Copies of the revised program books were handed out. Dale requested that the chair of each committee look over the book to make sure it was accurate and if not, report any changes or corrections that needed to be made.

- **Ministry Perspective**
 - Rev. Dennis handed out a report entitled "Vital Congregations." This report lists what the United Methodist church says a vital congregation has. Rev. Dennis says that it shows an across the board increase of 10% in all categories. The next order of business Rev. Dennis had was a motion to accept a lay leadership report that had new member appointments to committees on it. The motion was seconded and accepted. Rev. Dennis also wanted to mention that small groups have been very successful and he wanted to celebrate that.
 - Assistant Pastor Ben Bezy was happy to be attending his first Administrative Council meeting. He reported that the third worship service band is getting organized and the service is already starting to grow.
 - Lay Leader Steve Klinger said he would like to continue to emphasize individual witnesses in Christian meetings and worship.
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Trustees – David Stinson reported that a surveillance system will be installed in the church and that gutters will be added to the shelter house.
 - Staff Parish Relations – Greg Long said that the committee had been busy because of the recent staff changes. Two staff members left and have been replaced with four. At their first meeting of the year they conducted an audit of pay of all the staff. The goal was to make sure our staff's salaries were in line with 2012 pay handbook of pay of all churches across the country. There were a few salaries that need to be adjusted and they are hoping to get that taken care of soon.
 - Finance Committee – Bill Yeager gave the report since Jeff Quayle was not in attendance. The committee is looking to change their approach on how to generate a budget and how to keep a budget. There is one new designated fund, Family Ministry. This will replace the MORE group that is no longer in existence.

- Treasurer's Report – Bill Yeager passed out the year end Treasurer's Report and January's report. Both reports were reviewed and discussed. The church ended the year with less money than was hoped for, but all accounts payable are current.
- Communications Committee – Tammy Payton filled in for Laura Gutzwiller. Tammy reported that the updated church directory would be delivered around Easter. The committee's dream would be to see an electronic sign installed in front of the church when finances would allow it.
- Technology Committee – Tammy reported that a new multimedia computer has arrived and is in use.
- Membership/Attendance Committee – Dana Forester passed an attendance report that shows four years of attendance figures so that attendance trends can be tracked easier.

- **Ministry Reports**

- Worship Committee- Jeff Lawson reported the Super Bowl Services were well attended and that the efforts of the team that put together the event were evident. Dan and Margi Odle have agreed to be new communion stewards. The church will be hosting Corporal Josh Bleill in March. Corporal Bleill is the Indianapolis Colts spokesperson and has a tremendous story to share.
- Prayer Committee – Becky Underwood reported that each new staff member has a prayer team member assigned to them to pray for them during their transition time. The committee continues to send out cards to people listed on the prayer list.
- Missions Committee – Claire Farrand reported that they have four new committee members and that the members all regularly attend the first worship service. That helps balance the committee out so that it's not all second worship service members. The committee will be conducting two new surveys. The purpose of the surveys to see how the missions have impacted people in the church and to see what missions the congregation is interested in. The hope is that these surveys will help keep the congregation engaged in the church's missions.
- Children's Education and Preschool– Lydia Rychtarczyk reported that there was a need for Sunday School Teachers for the 3 & 4 year old class and the Prekindergarten class. Planning for Vacation Bible School has started; it will be held June 21st- June 29th. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be April 7th. Preschool open house has been planned for March 8th; enrollment has already started for fall. The Mommy & Me class is doing well and it has been extended to May.
- Youth Program – Bryan Vickery was happy to be attending his first Administrative Council Meeting as Youth Director. He said as the new youth leader he is not planning a lot of changes, but thinks building trust with the youth is the most important thing right now. Dan Herron & Kim Vedder are continuing to work with the 5th and 6th graders.
- Adult Education – Tammy reported there are eighteen small groups currently meeting and following along with the sermon series. There are 204 adults involved in these short term groups. This has been a very successful event that increases discipleship. This fall there might be another small group/sermon series since this event has been so well received.
- Family Ministries – Lydia gave the report for the group saying that the annual summer pool party is on the calendar and the deposit has been paid. There is a need for more help for the Easter Bunny Breakfast on April 14th.
- Health and Welfare – Cheryl Howard reported that there were 13 donors at the January blood drive; the next blood drive has been scheduled for August. There will be a CPR class coming up on a Saturday. Cheryl will let everyone know when that is scheduled. Cheryl will also be conducting visitation training in the near future.

- Evangelism/Outreach – Steve Klinger said that there is a continuing need for volunteers to follow up with visitors to the church. Sue Klinger will be collecting \$10 gift cards to send to college students to be sent to them during their finals. Those will be sent along with letters inviting the students to the new contemporary service.
- UMW – Mary Craig reported that the recent cheese ball sale was very successful. The goal was to sell 50 cheese balls but the women sold 94. The date for the annual strawberry festival will be June 9th this year.
- UMM – John Crawford shared that the men's group meets the second Saturday of each month for breakfast and averages about 10 men. This past December their group sponsored two families from the Churches in Mission for Christmas.

Last January former chairperson, Brian Nelson, asked each committee to set goals for the year. Dale is asking that each committee report at the next Council Meeting what their goals are for 2012. Steve Klinger will be the leader on this.

- Unfinished Business – The Lay Employee Handbook 2012 has been completed. Greg Long, from the Staff Parish Relations Committee, made a motion that the handbook be accepted by the council and sent to the Staff Parish Relations Committee. There were some comments and discussion about the changes that were made. After the discussion the motion passed by a 12 to 4 vote. Greg said the SPR Committee will work to resolved some of the concerns that were raised during the discussion.
- New Business – There is no leader for the church's effort for the Relay for Life this year. If anyone is interested, please let Cheryl Howard know.

Rev. Dennis closed the meeting with prayer.