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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2012

- **Welcome/Call to Order**  
Chairperson Dale Wilson called the meeting to order.  
Jeff Lawson opened the meeting with prayer.  
The attendance sheet was passed around to be signed by those present.
- **Approval of Minutes**  
The minutes of the April 10, 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 shared his perspective that it is a good time to be a part of the First United Methodist Church.  
  
Assistant Pastor Ben shared that he is excited about the third worship service. There are new people attending that service. Comparing this year's attendance figures to last year's figures, attendance at first service has increased and third service has remained steady, showing an overall increase in church attendance.  
  
Lay Leader Steve Klingler was unable to attend so there was no report.
- **Administrative Reports**  
  
Trustees – Because David Stinson was unable to attend the meeting Rev. Dennis reported that the trustees are negotiating with the insurance company on a settlement for hail damage to the church's roof. Rev. Dennis said that David is working hard to reach a fair settlement.  
  
Wendall Thaler, who is the church's Historian, attended a workshop on guidelines for keeping of churches' historical records. Wendall suggested a committee be formed to help preserve our church's historical records going forward. To help facilitate that task, Dale suggested each committee prepare minutes of their minutes, not extensive minutes, just short and concise. It was suggested that an effort should be made to retrieve past records if possible. Before a new committee can be formed, the Lay Leadership Committee must approve.

Staff Parish Relations – Greg Long reported that everything is going well with the new staff. It was announced that at the next Council meeting there will be a short adjournment so that a Special Charge Conference can be held to recommend Pastor Bezy for pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church.

Lay Leadership Committee – Rev. Dennis said that the committee meets monthly and they are currently nominating people to fill committee positions for 2013.

Finance Committee – Bill Yeager reported that at their last meeting they discussed how much interest is being earned on investments and how to reduce costs until the financial position improves.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Yeager reported that income is down but all the accounts are current. There will be a certificate of deposit that matures shortly. It was suggested that the money be deposited into the checking account until interest rates improve.

Wills & Memorials – No report

Communications Committee – Tammy Payton reported an increase in the number of people who visit the church’s website. She also reported that there are 211 subscribers to the electronic monthly newsletter. The Henderson Group will be taking over the church’s annual contact book. The group hopes to find a new way to raise money to cover the expenses of publishing the book and at the same time raise funds for their group. There is a suggestion that an updated pictorial directory was needed because of the new staff; no plans are currently being made for the update.

Technology Committee – Signe Nicholson reported that their committee is continuing to maintain the stability of the church’s computer server and they hope to extend wireless access to the sanctuary and eventually to the classroom area.

Membership/Attendance Committee – Dana Forester passed out a report showing attendance is up 13% in the first worship service, down 2% in the second worship service and third service attendance is remaining about the same.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – David Sease reported that the Annual Conference was held June 7-9. Besides the opportunities to learn and worship, it was a good time to reconnect with former pastors and friends from throughout the state.

- **Ministry and Missions Reports**

Worship Committee – Jeff Lawson reported that his committee is currently making plans for special recognition of Father’s Day and Independence Day. The committee is also asking church members who attend other churches while on vacation to let the Worship Committee know if there were things that they particularly enjoyed at that church that is not currently included in our worship time.

Prayer Committee – Becky Underwood reported that her committee has a Card Committee that sends out at least 120 cards a month to people that are on the prayer request list.

Missions Committee – Pam Tabor and Clair Farrand were unable to attend the meeting but reported by email that the committee is planning a Missions Fair in September to highlight mission opportunities in our church. The committee’s main focus for the summer has been to support the summer lunch program and a Junior High Campus life program that Grace Church is starting.

Children’s Education & Preschool – Lydia Rychtarczyk reported that VBS is ready to go with 85 kids registered. Sunday School Promotion Sunday will be in August. Preschool enrollment is on target with a few opening left.

Youth Program – Bryan Vickery was not able to attend the meeting but reported by email. Two students recently made re-commitments to follow Jesus. Rebecca Frankosky, who recently joined our church, will be helping out with the youth beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bryan wanted to recognize the good work Dan Herron is doing with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth group.

Adult Education – Tammy Payton reported that because of summer fewer small groups are meeting. Because of that a new ministry is being tried out, Backyard Church. Forty people attended the first Backyard Church and one more has been schedule for July. There will be a meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Witness Wednesday’s plans for the fall. There will be a Bible study in the fall that will correspond to the sermon series.

Family Ministries – Kim Webster reported that her committee paid for the licensing agreement for the movie “Courageous” that will be shown on the upcoming Sunday evening. The committee will pay for child care during the movie. A reminder was given that the annual pool party will be Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Health & Welfare – Cheryl Howard reported that there will be a blood drive in August. The monthly blood pressure check is being done away with after August, but Cheryl will be happy to check blood pressures for people anytime they ask. There are plans to have quarterly health screenings with different types of screenings being offered. Cheryl shared that prayers have been answered because the free clinic has two new physicians.

Evangelism/Outreach – Rev. Dennis reported that the committee is working on a Making Disciples event after the first of the year. They are hoping to be able to host Ken Johnson, chaplain of the Colts. Mr. Johnson delivers a powerful message of hope. Tom Ditch will be in concert August 12<sup>th</sup> at our church.

UMW – No report

UMM – John Crawford shared that the men’s group recently assembled the six new picnic tables for the shelter house and the youth group has asked for the group’s assistance to assemble two more tables.

- Unfinished Business – None

- New Business – Bill Yeager proposed forming a committee whose purpose would be to promote the concept of congregation members leaving a financial gift to the church. He proposed that the chairman of the committee have a place on the Administrative Council. The proposal was discussed at length. It was decided that instead of a new committee, this responsibility could be given to the Wills & Memorials Committee. If that were the case then the number of members should be increased to help handle the added responsibility. A motion to recommend that the Lay Leadership consider a marketing/fund raising plan for the Wills & Memorials Committee was made and seconded; the motion passed.

The next Administrative Council Meeting will be Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Rev. Dennis closed the meeting with prayer.