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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 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 August 14, 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 handout listing priorities, dreams and goals for the annual conference. He highlighted that his vision of the future is filled with evangelism.  
  
Assistant Pastor Ben wanted to thank all the people who have been involved in promoting the third worship service. The third service has been given the name “The Gathering.” The intent of the service is to “belong, grow and serve.” Pastor Ben feels there are a lot of positive things going on in that service.  
  
Lay Leader Steve Klinger mentioned a video that had been shown recently. In the video several people in the church talked about the various ministries they are involved in. Steve felt it was very effective and is a good representation of what our church is about.
  
- **Administrative Reports**  
  
Trustees – Dave Stinson reported that within a few weeks the church would have a new roof and hopefully new gutters too.  
  
Staff Parish Relations – Greg Long was unable to attend the meeting but reported by email that the hiring process for a new custodian is progressing. There are several qualified candidates for the position; there have been positive comments about the interim custodian, Crystal Lynch.  
  
Lay Leadership Committee – Rev. Dennis reported that 98% of the committees and committee chairperson positions have been filled for 2013. This is a very big task involving much time, effort and prayer.

Finance Committee – Jeff Quyle reported that the committee has not met since the last council meeting but Bill Yeager was able to give an update on the new way the budget would be set for the next year. The budgets for committees for next year will be the actual amount spent this year plus 5%.

Treasurer’s Report – Bill Yeager reported that as of the end of September the church’s financial situation has improved. All accounts are current and there is a positive balance of \$13,000.

Wills & Memorials – No one from the committee was present but Rev. Dennis reported they are continuing to work on the gift policy.

Communications Committee – Laura Gutzwiller reported that flyers have been made announcing that Ken Johnson, Chaplin from the Indianapolis Colts, will be speaking at all three services on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There are new signs for the church out in the community. Tammy Payton reported on the social media aspect of our church outreach. The church’s twitter account has 32 followers.

Technology Committee – Signe Nicholson reported that her committee continues to make decisions on new technology for the church, making sure the technology is effective in helping to advance the message of the church.

Membership/Attendance Committee – Dana Forester passed out the attendance report as of the most recent Sunday. It was noted that attendance in the third quarter was up slightly from the second quarter.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference – David Sease said they had nothing new to report.

- **Ministry and Missions Reports**

Worship Committee – Jeff Lawson was not able to attend the meeting but emailed his report. New octave bells have been purchased for the hand bell choir and Pastor Ben is exploring funding possibilities for a drum surround sound booth.

Prayer Committee – Becky Underwood reported that the committee sends 120-140 cards a month in response to the prayer requests that they receive.

Missions Committee – Clair Farrand reported that the recent mission fair went very well; there were twenty-five missions highlighted. The Churches In Mission banquet was well attended and FUMC was well represented. There is discussion about starting a mission to pray for military members. Also there is a wish to start a Stephen Ministry in our church. This is mission is where lay people receive 50 hours of instruction on how to counsel members of the congregation.

Children’s Education & Preschool – Lydia Rychtarczyk reported that October 26<sup>th</sup> will be the pre-school fall carnival and next week is fall break.

Youth Program – Bryan Vickery reported that they are planning to take 42 youth to Indi-CO-So Camp for fall break. In November the program will be talking to the youth about dating and healthy body images. In December there will be several service projects to take part in. Plans are being made to mount two TV’s in the youth room.

Adult Education – Tammy Payton reported that 26 small groups have met this year and that 24 of the groups are currently active. The average number of attendees was 152 with a total of 297 people enrolled. “Not a Fan” will be the next small group being offered church wide.

Family Ministries – Lydia Rychtarczyk reported they are gearing up for the Halloween hotdog roast and Trunk ‘n Treat. Plans for breakfast with Santa are being discussed.

Health & Welfare – Cheryl Howard reported that the Methodist Conference Parish Nurses is having a seminar on suicide. If you’re interested in attending, let her know. There will be no flu shots available this year for the congregation.

Evangelism/Outreach – Steve Klinger reported that there are many good things going on in our church, i.e. the summer lunch program, the carnival workers meal, etc. All of these programs are part of our church’s community outreach.

UMW – No report

UMM – John Crawford was not able to attend but sent his report via email. The men’s group put a step on the new storage shed and will be putting underpinning around it later this month. All the materials will be paid for by the men’s group.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Pastor Ben closed the meeting with prayer.

Unfinished Business – None

- New Business – None
- The next Administrative Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Rev. Dennis closed the meeting with prayer.