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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2013

- **Welcome/Call to Order**

Chairperson Spencer DePoy called the meeting to order.

Rev. Dennis opened the meeting with prayer.

Those in attendance were: Ben Bezy, Spencer DePoy, Cheryl Howard, Steve Klinger, Sue Klinger, Jeff Lawson, Signe Nicholson, Dennis Payton, Tammy Payton, Lydia Rychtarczyk, David Stinson, Pam Tabor, Kathie Tooley, Bryan Vickery, Kim Webster, Dale Wilson and Bill Yeager.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April Council meeting were not read since everyone received a copy prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved with no corrections. In lieu of a formal Council meeting in June, the council members were encouraged to make home visits to various congregation members. Committee reports were submitted and a report was compiled. The report/minutes were not read since members received a copy prior to the meeting. The report/minutes were approved with no corrections.

- **Ministry Perspective**

Rev. Dennis said the church is making note of attendance trends. Recognizing trends will help to tailor church services during specific times of the year. Also, as a praise, it was noted that the balance in the general fund has increased. Rev. Dennis thanked everyone involved in the ministry of the church for being good stewards of the church's funds.

Assistant Pastor Ben stated that he has taken over the responsibility for leading the second worship service. He's looking to increase the number of members of the band and to add new vocalists. Pastor Ben mentioned the time he spent in Ohio at school pursuing his license to preach. He felt it was an awesome experience and he should receive his license about September 1st. At that time Ben's title will become "Part-Time Local Pastor." He also discussed the mission trip several members took to Henryville and how God was working in peoples' lives there.

Lay Leader Sue Klinger reported that her committee has been praying for each member of the congregation. In the next four weeks they will have lifted each member of the congregation up in prayer. They have found this to be an awesome experience.

- **Administrative Reports**

Trustees – Dave Stinson reported that all the carpets in the halls and pre-school rooms will be cleaned tomorrow. Currently there are only routine maintenance matters, no problems to report.

Staff Parish Relations – Steve Klinger reported that everything was going well. The job descriptions for the staff are continuing to be updated. Also a praise note is that Rob Probus has received the call to full-time ministry.

Lay Leadership Committee – Rev. Dennis reported that the committee is filling positions in preparation of the November charge conference. Rev. Dennis also reported that Rob Probus will begin his ministry at our church; that's the way the United Methodist Church prepares new pastors. It's a praise that young people in our church are responding to God's call.

Finance Committee – Signe Nicholson reported that the committee is budgeting for next year. As part of that process, there is a \$100,000 CD that is maturing and needs to be reinvested. There was some discussion about how best to reinvest this money. After a bit of discussion the finance committee was asked to do some more investigating and bring a specific recommendation to the Council for a vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Yeager reported that the general fund had a balance of \$9,109.59 as of July 31, 2013. That reflects an increase of \$7,887.26 since January 1, 2013. While this is good news, Bill reminded the Council that October is a heavy expense month and the balance is sure to go down. All accounts payable are current at this time.

Communications Committee – Tammy Payton reported that the committee continues to work on increasing awareness of the social networking sites that the church is on. Recently added is a Pinterest page. Tammy will be updating the ad in the Times newspaper, adding the church's address and phone number.

Technology Committee – Tammy reported that a new electronic sign has been installed in cooperation with the trustees. The storm damage to the computer hardware has been repaired. The committee is looking to replace the ten year old file server. They are also looking to improve the surveillance system and increase the length of the back up on the tape.

- **Ministry and Missions Reports**

Worship Committee – Jeff Lawson reported that plans are being made for celebrating Grandparents' Day on September 8th and World Communion Day on October 6th. The committee is looking to place banners over the "prayer doors" in the sanctuary. The committee is looking at the possibility of having a Homecoming Service in 2015.

Missions Committee – Pam Tabor had several things to report:

1. The school supply drive in August provided over 500 students with school supplies.
2. The community garden had a good year with the Churches in Mission receiving some of the produce.
3. Pam reported that there didn't seem to be much interest in our church participating in the Habitat for Humanity build in Green Township. There would probably be more interest if

the build was closer to Mooresville but generally the homes are built in or near Martinsville because affordable property is more available there.

4. The Indiana Dream Team will have an open house in Gosport on September 14th. The committee encourages the congregation to learn more about this mission of rehabilitation of offenders.
5. There is a need for a volunteer to lead a new group of Campus Life at the high school level.
6. The Boys' and Girls' Club needs volunteers

The Mission Committee continues to try to educate the congregation on opportunities for service in the community.

Children's Education – Lydia Rychtarczyk reported the summer lunch program was very successful. Volunteers and donations were available for the entire program. There is some discussion that next summer one church from the community would sponsor one day a week so that the children are fed every day, not just one day a week. Lydia also reported that the morning session for pre-school is full.

Youth Program – Bryan Vickery reported that the average attendance on Sunday nights for grades 7-12 is 23 students. During the last year there have been 71 students attend either Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Wednesday evening programs. Retention hasn't been as good as liked, but 71 students is more than one person can minister. Because of that Bryan is asking for more help in reaching out to students outside of church at soccer games, Campus Life programs, etc. On Sunday September 29th the youth will be leading worship services. This is part of the plan to help the youth get more involved in leadership roles in the church. There are several fund-raising opportunities coming up to help fund the 2014 mission trip.

Adult Education – Tammy Payton reported on the upcoming studies being offered on Wednesday and Sunday evenings starting in September.

Family Ministries – Kim Webster reported that in July their committee helped with the Backyard Church event and plan to do that again next year. Kim reported the carnival workers' dinner was again very successful. All the carnival workers and the church volunteers look forward to this dinner/mission every year. The next big event the committee will help with is the upcoming Health Fair. There are plans to have a "Trunk 'n Treat" opportunity again this year.

Health & Welfare – Cheryl Howard reminded everyone there will be a blood drive August 25th. The November 10th Health Fair will focus on cardio-vascular health. On August 10th there will be CPR training for pre-school workers. Cheryl asked for storage space for medical supplies. She gets donations but doesn't have space to store them until they are needed.

Evangelism/Outreach – Steve Klinger reported that daytime visitation continues. The Monday evening teams go out the first and third Monday of each month. Steve reminded everyone that visitation is not just the responsibility of his committee; it's the responsibility of everyone. On October 13th Cedric King will be sharing his testimony. This will be an awesome experience for everyone who hears him.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

The next meeting will be October 8, 2013.

Rev. Dennis closed the meeting with prayer.