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Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

- Welcome/Call to Order
 - Chairperson Brian Nelson called the meeting to order. The Prayer Committee lead the opening prayer.
 - The attendance sheet was passed around for signatures
- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting were not read since members of the committee had all received a copy prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved without any additions or corrections.

Chairperson Brian Nelson said the purpose of this meeting would be to look back on progresses and successes of the year to date. He gave each council member a chance to talk about what they felt their committee had accomplished so far this year. Brian started by mentioning that one good piece of news this year is that actual pledge income for the year is exceeding what was pledged by 22%.

- Treasurer Bill Yeager said that pledges do not fund the total church budget. While tithes are above projection, in total we are under total projections. It is good news to see the tithes exceeding their goal.
- Clair Farrand of the Missions Committee spoke about a wheelchair ramp that the committee arranged to have built for a family in Country Manor Mobil Home Park. It was a very successful project and the committee is interested in more local projects like this.
- Lydia Rychtarczyk, the Children's Education Director, spoke of the success of the summer lunch project. They are hoping this program would grow into a weekend back pack lunch program during the school year and/or provide lunches every day of the week during the summer instead of one day a week. Lydia said that Grace Church puts on Vacation Bible School for the children at Country Manor and our church has offered to provide lunches for the children during that week. One other good thing was that the middle church service funded two children from one family to attend all day kindergarten this year and that would mean that those two children would receive

lunch every day they are at school. A dream would be to have a food pantry maybe four times a year. Gleaner's Food Pantry has expressed interest in providing the food for that. It could possibly coincide with the Carnival Worker's Dinner, the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and two other occasions. On another note, Lydia said that preschool is off to a good start with one additional class this year.

- Clair Farrand spoke about the Mission Committee planning for upcoming holiday season and the missions associated with it such as Operation Christmas Child. Brian Elo is planning a community Thanksgiving dinner at our church for this year and hopes to serve 250-300 people. October is our church's month to help stock Churches' in Mission's food pantry. The mission no longer distributes laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, etc because of the expense. If people could specifically donate these needed items, it would be much appreciated. The one objective before the end of the year for the Mission Committee would be to have some new members to help re-energize the committee.
- Rev. Dennis reported that the Staff/Parrish Committee Relations Committee is interviewing for the open positions of a Youth Director and Contemporary Music Director. The vision of the committee is to have a more specialized ministry such as youth ministry, contemporary worship leader, lay ministry, contracting out some ministry. This is an exciting for our church. The trend is that growing churches have more specialized ministries.
- Jeff Quyle spoke for the Finance Committee regarding the goals that their committee set for the year. One of those goals was to set up a mortgage payoff fund. The mortgage payoff fund has been set up so that goal has been met. However, there was some discussion as to how to make the campaign more successful. The second goal was to set up a rainy day fund for big projects that might come up. That goal is still being worked on.
- Regarding discipleship and small groups Rev Dennis spoke about the small groups that have been meeting. Recently he and Tammy led a small group on marriage. David Sease spoke about the monthly meetings that several people have been attending during lunch downtown. It's an opportunity to share faith and a meal.
- Steve Klinger spoke about the Evangelism Committee regarding the Monday evening visits to recent visitors to the church and "warm knocks" where they introduce themselves to people that God leads them to. There is also a Thursday evening group that visits shut-ins and home bound people. The dream would be to have about 10 times the number of people involved in the outreach program.
- Prayer Committee has noted that there seems to be a lot more answered prayers in the congregation. The committee also appreciates how much emphasis Dennis puts on prayer during church services. More email requests for prayers have been coming in. There was some discussion about the need for signs in the church to direct people to the prayer chapel. This is something that needs to be brought up to the Trustees.

- Committee Reports
 - Membership - Dana Forester passed out the updated membership reports and these were discussed.
 - Treasurer - Bill Yeager passed out the most recent Treasurer's Report. The church's general fund is positive by \$3,638.16. All apportionments and payables are current.
 - Finance - Jeff Quyle passed out the proposed budget for 2012 was passed out and discussed. The proposed budget is 5% more for 2012 than it was for 2011. Jeff wanted to note that there were some changes: The Trustees' Fund shows a reduction because all of the phone costs, including cell phones, have been moved to the Technology Fund. The SPRC Fund shows a slight increase to help fund the changes in ministries that are being planned. The Family Ministries Fund has an increase because there is discussion to start up the "Mom's Connection" again and they would need funds to pay for child care. Also the Family Ministries has taken over the breakfasts with Santa and the Easter Bunny. The increase in their budget will help cover some of those expenses. The Missions Fund has been increased to help cover the cost of the lunch program. The Technology Fund shows an increase because they are covering all the phone costs now and the purchase of a new computer for media activities. The budget discussed, voted on and approved for 2012.

Prior to the close of the meeting Lay Leader, Steve Klinger, told about a conversation he had with a former member who has returned to our church. This person commented that they notice that our church is bathed in prayer. Steve read a devotional regarding testimony and how we should share what Jesus gave up for us not what we have given up for Jesus.

In closing Rev. Dennis talked about a dream that he has that "everyone would win one." His dream is to have every person in the church win one other person to God - not just to fill the church but to win that person to God.

- Unfinished Business - None
- New Business - None

Rev. Dennis closed the meeting with prayer.