

WEST POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2010

The Administrative Council for West Point United Methodist Church was called to order at 7:00 P.M. January 5, 2010 by chairperson Jerry Harbath. Jerry read from Psalms 69:1-3. Pastor Jeff led with prayer. Seventeen members were present: Jerry & Vicky Harbath, Pastor Jeff Smith, Carl & Sandra Holtman, Jay Blessing, Nellie VanSickle, Rick, Lisa & Drew Snider, Mark & Darlene Christian, Phil & Pam Katter, Jerry Stewart, Karla Ross, and Delite Ritter.

Previous minutes were read and approved. Darlene gave the treasurer's report. The general account balance on December 31 was \$3,062.41. The Trustees have approximately \$6,800 because they purchased two televisions and the brackets to hold them. The Memorial Fund has approximately \$12,200. The money for the televisions will be transferred from Memorial to Trustees. Pastor Jeff is working on a grant to hopefully cover one-half the cost of the televisions. Darlene reported that a donation had come in to pay for one more acre of land. This will be paid in February.

Karla was first on the agenda discussing the park. She reported that an electrical pole can be installed at no cost. The pole will be placed half way between the drive and an existing electrical pole. It will cost about \$7-8 per month for the electrical power. She also said that since there is a physical address for the park now, she is going to get a mailbox put up. Diane Gaither gave permission to have a box put next to hers across the street from the park. Karla is going to make up posters showing equipment the board would like to purchase for the park. It will show the cost of the equipment and ask for donations and memorials. She hopes to have them up at the church, store and lion's club by end of January. Later on she will add information on the shelter. The estimate for the shelter is \$17,000 from the Amish that Ted Stout recommended. The FBI building was \$10,000 more. The board will meet again later this month. Karla stated electricity can be added to light up the sign in front of the park. The walking path may be started early this year as Kerner's are donating toward it. Will start with crushed stone. She has also talked with Purdue about doing a survey and lay-out. They will meet later on this year.

Karla wants to get the Praise team together again. She likes involving the youth. She would also like to see others help lead worship.

Jerry Stewart reported for the Pastor-Parish committee that met on December 7. Julie Rife was introduced. Her job description was discussed. The paper work has been turned in to the conference office to retain Pastor Jeff for another year. Pastor-Parish would like to see the Administrative Council find a way to fund Little Beavers. It was suggested that once a month the quarterback program money go to Little Beavers. Rick also said we need to get financial help for Children's Church since it will be a full hour program.

Jerry Harbath reported on the Worship Committee meeting from January 3. After much discussion, this committee determined it would be in our best interest to change times of Sunday morning services. Sunday School will meet at 8:30 A.M., Traditional service will be at 9:30 and Contemporary service will be at 11:00. These service times will stay for at least 2 years then we will re-evaluate.

The Administrative Council will meet in two weeks to set the 2010 calendar. The only

activity that needs to be decided on now is the Community Picnic so Scott Greeson can be notified. August is a good month for Scott so we decided on August 14th for our first choice then August 21st for the second choice. Pam will notify David Leonards, Scott's agent to see what is best for him.

There was quite a bit of discussion about whether to pay off the loan or continue with it since it is at \$22,000. Jerry Harbath does not want to pay off the loan at this time. He feels if it is paid off people will stop giving toward a building fund. We need to get people interested in contributing to future projects. Jerry Stewart said when this loan is paid off, we need to trust God, show people what we have achieved and show them our next goal. Pastor Jeff would like to hold a mortgage burning but wants the next step in place when we do that. Darlene said to let the loan ride until step two is in place. Phil stated we need to get step two in place now and not wait a few months. Steering/Building committee will meet in next couple of weeks.

Jerry did not contact Gary for an estimate to clean out the tree line at the park.

Rick asked how we can involve kids in the Sunday services. How do we get them here? Maybe some of them would help with children's church when it starts in March. Pastor Jeff suggested asking Wren Craig if she would help with Children's Church. Will have children's church for kindergarten through 5th grade. If there are a lot of kids attending, may split into two groups.

We need to have a plan in place for notifying congregation if church needs to be cancelled due to weather. Carl suggested putting it on the website. Pastor Jeff will find out about getting it on the 3 Indianapolis stations. Tv 18 will also be notified.

This Saturday the televisions will be put up in the sanctuary.

Lisa said they had a fun time shopping for the family we helped with Christmas. They managed to get quite a few things for each child. Pastor Jeff said the mother was thrilled.

Lisa and Drew are scheduled for the ED training on January 15th. Phil is scheduled for Jan. 22. Pastor Jeff will try to schedule with Lisa and Drew. After all have completed the training, we should get the ED.

Pastor Jeff, Julie Rife, Jerry & Susan Stewart are the adults going on the Youth Works mission trip.

Pastor Jeff asked about when to pay Julie Rife and how. Phil said to get him a voucher on the 3rd week of the month and she will be paid on the 4th Sunday. December 30 the Lighthouse kids went bowling and to Bruno's for pizza. That went well and they had a great time.

Pastor Jeff stated that some of the families that haven't been attending are not going to church anywhere else. He hopes in time that they will come back. Anytime you change, you go through a time of transition. He wants to encourage us and stated we aren't doing things wrong. Other churches are having problems with membership.

Jerry Harbath congratulated Nellie for another great Christmas service. Christmas Eve service saw 92 here. As always, it was a nice service.

Jay Blessing stated the UMW delivered about 9 cheer baskets and 5 poinsettia.

Sandra had talked to someone that hadn't attended for a while. She told this person that our contemporary service is more blended. Rick suggested we call it a "Praise Service" instead of contemporary because people may have wrong idea of what we are doing.

Visitation committee will try to re-energize in next couple of weeks.

Dismissed at 8:25 P.M. Pastor Jeff dismissed with prayer.

Pam Katter
Recording Secretary