

WEST POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009

The Administrative Council for West Point United Methodist Church was called to order at 7:00 P.M. April 14, 2009 by chairperson Jerry Harbath. Jerry opened with prayer. Sixteen people were in attendance: Jerry Harbath, Pastor Jeff Smith, Ronda Smith, Rick, Lisa, & Drew Snider, Ruth Shedd, Nellie VanSickle, Jay Blessing Rae Ritchie, Carl & Sandra Holtman, Dean Craig, Mark & Darlene Christian and Pam Katter. Previous minutes were read and approved.

Darlene gave the treasurer's report. The General account balance as of March 31 was \$3,775.89. The other account balances are: Savings - \$94,038.40, Missions - \$4,345.41, Trustees - \$1,544.29, Sunday School - \$319.71, Memorial Fund - 14,457.92. The "Quarterback" fund is bringing in about \$90 every two weeks. The loan balance was \$59,293.63 on March 30.

Jerry read minutes from the March 9 and March 16 Trustees meetings. He also read minutes from the Steering committee from April 6.

Rick and Lisa Snider will not be able to co-ordinate the community picnic this year. They have all the records from last year for anyone willing to take over.

Jerry & Mark will shop this week for a mower to be used on the park ground. For the time being, Mark will keep it on a trailer at his house. He is willing to mow for now until a park superintendent is appointed. This person will head a park maintenance committee. Jerry asked if there were any objections or discussion. No objections so they will purchase a mower this week. At this time, we have no estimates for a building.

Pete Luttrell can get the equipment needed to get the trees out on the park ground. He can get the equipment for \$600 which will be from Friday night till Monday morning. Jerry said we need to get underground wiring located also. The ditch needs to dry out before we can work in that area. The county is to repair the culvert then we will have to replace the sidewalk. Ruth talked to someone at the county and he is to get back with her in about a week with a time to repair the culvert.

The sound system is still not working properly. Phil thought Garrett had ordered the necessary parts but he didn't. Will try to get him to come out and check the system again.

There were 144 present for the Easter service. Sixty-five were present for the sunrise service plus 15 men preparing breakfast. Jerry sent a card to Keller's thanking them for their help with the breakfast. They offered to do it again next year. The free will offering netted \$351 which was put in the vacation Bible school fund.

Jerry has not ordered the office furniture yet. He thought there was a chance of getting some furniture for free from an office that was closing in Columbus Ohio. That furniture would not be available until September.

Jerry gave Darlene the task of checking on a copier. She likes a Xerox machine from Copiers Plus. Eventually a booklet maker could be added to this machine which would fold and staple the newsletter. We can lease this machine for 48 months. For 2200 pages per month, it would cost \$28.38. The base fee is \$127.82. This cost is less than we are paying for bulletins and newsletter now. At the end of the four year lease we can upgrade to a newer machine. Mark made a motion to lease the Xerox machine from Copiers Plus. Rae seconded. Passed. Darlene will make the necessary arrangements. Will need to get an internet connection so Susan can send

the bulletin to the printer.

There is a cluster meeting at Attica tomorrow night. Stidham and West Point are currently working together for VBS. Maybe Purdue Wesleyan Foundation could help us with the youth. Wesleyan Foundation has asked the cluster group to donate dinner during finals to 40-50 students. UMW will discuss this as well as at the cluster meeting.

Nellie asked if we wanted to honor Mother's again this year. It was decided she will get flowers at Bennett's.

Thelma has agreed to be a music coordinator. She will set up rehearsal practices and times. The choir will not sing after Mother's Day. They will resume again in September. There will be special music over the summer. Nellie volunteered to have the flute choir perform. She will check with them for a date. On June 28, Pastor Jeff will be at annual conference. We will have a Gospel sing that day.

The UMW made \$340 on the bake sale held on Palm Sunday. There are planning to sell ice cream on May 16 during the West Point Lion's Club car show. Rick suggested the UMW contact Schwan's to see if they would furnish a freezer and ice cream. Mandy is in charge of the service on May 17 as the men of the church will be on a retreat.

It was suggested Pam e-mail and make copies of the minutes of the council meeting. It takes a lot of time to read the minutes and this would save time during the meeting. Jerry suggested putting them on the church web site. Lisa said if they were e-mailed to her, she could get them on the sight. Pam will try to accomplish this.

Ronda asked if the date to plant the geraniums could be moved up to the weekend of Mothers Day so the flower gardens would look nice then. She feels the flower beds need blooming flowers then instead of waiting until after Memorial Day. Ruth made a motion to get the geraniums before Mother's Day. Lisa seconded. Passed. The insert listing the memorial geraniums will still be out on Memorial Day. Pastor Jeff will talk to Eve Hamilton to see if she can do something with the flower box on the porch.

Ronda suggested starting a children's church for the young kids. She suggested keeping them in church until after the scriptures are read then those 4years old through 4th grade can go downstairs to have their own lesson. They need a story that is at their level. Ronda hopes to coordinate it with Pastor Jeff's sermon and lesson. They will return for the last song and also for communion. Kelly Harbath is going to help her with this program. Next fall, she hopes to rotate with more leaders. She hopes to start the first Sunday in May. Pray for people to help with this program.

Pastor Jeff said we really need to start thinking about a second service. Greeting time takes quite a chunk of time from the service. It would be nice if people only greeted those next to them but that doesn't seem to work. Sandra suggested having a "Come Back to Church" Sunday inviting all those that have attended in the past to come back for a special day. May try to do this in August.

Pastor Jeff feels we need to start talking to consultants who can help us with fund raising for a new building. Also need to come up with a rendering of what the new building might look like.

Worship committee will meet April 30th at 7:00 P.M.

Pastor Jeff adjourned with prayer at 8:45 P.M.

Pam Katter
Recording Secretary