

WEST POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 4, 2010

The Administrative Council for West Point United Methodist Church was called to order at 7:00 P.M. May 4, 2010 by chairperson Jerry Harbath. Jerry read from Proverbs 4 - Wisdom is supreme. We need to make choices consistent with God's will. Fifteen people were present: Jerry Harbath, Pastor Jeff Smith, Virginia Emerick, Jay Blessing, Doris Craig, Nellie Van Sickle, Jerry Stewart, Drew, Rick & Lisa Snider, Darlene Christian, Julie Jameson, Rae Ritchie, Phil & Pam Katter. Previous minutes were handed out. Phil made a motion to accept the minutes.

Darlene gave the treasurer's report. The general account balance on April 30 was \$6,823.36. Darlene stated that one family is donating to Wesley. This is being paid through the missions account. Some families give regularly to missions. Phil reported on the remaining balances: Memorial fund \$8,502.37; Sunday School \$322.25; Mission Fund \$2,330.95; Trustees \$2197.81; Savings \$63,813.16.

Darlene stated the property insurance was raised to \$900,000. The premium went up \$125 per quarter.

Need to get a monitor for the computer to help view what is on tv screens.

The application for the grant to help pay for tv's and computer has not been submitted yet.

There was discussion about getting 3 bids from consulting/management firms to guide us with future decisions. Darlene was contacted by an architect. He said the first thing is to get a drawing of a master plan. The group "ARKOR" can step in at any point during planning and help. Jerry stated that recommendations from others is good. Jerry will get the steering committee together and get info on this.

The Youth works mission trip has 22 committed to go from June 20 - 26. The hotel rooms have been reserved. At this point they are ready to go. There are 8 from Attica going. No kids from Stidham are going this year. Jeff reported that 10 Lighthouse youth went to Karla Ross's nursing class at Purdue in April. They were paid \$10 a piece to participate and the money was going on the youth mission trip account.

The confirmation class went to Temple Israel. Madison and Lindsay were intrigued. This was a good experience for them. A Rabbi from New York spoke about a commitment to growth, community, family friendly, and to change how they do business.

Little Beamer's Easter egg hunt went well. Lots of eggs for them to find. This was the last Little Beamer's till fall.

Nellie asked about the flowers for Mothers Day. Should she get for both services and how many? Pastor Jeff suggested 3 for each service. She has books for Fathers Day. She also asked how much to spend on graduate books. It was suggested she spend around \$10 each.

Nellie also checked with the Journal & Courier on church advertising. Community Connections ad is \$165. A 1" x 2" ad on Saturdays is \$18.52 weekly. To add color is another \$3.00. Events are free. J&C online cost \$400 per year. Darlene wondered about putting an ad in once a month. Phil made a motion to put in a black and white ad once a month on the first Saturday for the remainder of 2010 at a cost of \$18.52 per month or \$129 for the remaining of the year and also put it in the schools directory for a cost of \$30. Pastor Jeff seconded. Passed.

Rick was complimented for a job well done on the computers in both services.

Darlene reported for the park. A 6 seat swing, spring horse and mushroom have been ordered. The swing and horse have been donated. The VBS mission project will hopefully pay for the mushroom.

INDOT was at the park last Thursday checking access to the park from State Road 25. They suggested talking to an architect and go with his recommendations.

Julie, Rae and Lisa asked this board if we would help support them in an endeavor to bring a Beth Moore Simulcast here on September 18. It is aired out of Chicago. With the tv's and internet access now, they would like to consider hosting this. If your congregation has over 250 active participants, the broadcast costs \$1,000. At this time no church in Lafayette has committed to do this. Rae said maybe we could get cluster churches to help with this project. Rick says it can be done with the equipment we have. Will need tickets as seating is limited. Phil made a motion to host the simulcast and do it as a mission project at no charge to participants. Will ask for free-will offering. Will include a morning snack and light lunch. Pastor Jeff seconded. Passed. Pastor Jeff said a committee of Lisa, Julie and Rae will get started on details and report back to us in June. Menu details and other things need to be worked out.

Pastor Jeff, Jerry & Phil attended a financial workshop in March. Pastor Jeff found out he can designate a portion of his income for pre-tax business expenses. His computer has died so he would like to do this to help pay for a new one. The Administrative Council needs to approve this pre-tax deduction. The church would pay for the computer then deduct a certain amount pre-tax from each pay check through the end of the year. Lisa made a motion "effective 5/4/2010 to set aside \$800 in a flexible spending account for a computer for Pastor Jeff and deduct the appropriate amount from each pay the remainder of the year." Jay Blessing seconded. Passed. This is effective for 2010 only.

Rick said we need to remind the congregation of community events like the cemetery clean-up.

Honoring veterans on May 16. Darlene will have a token of our appreciation ready then.
Dismissed at 8:25 P.M.

Pam Katter
Recording Secretary