

WEST POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2009

The Administrative Council for West Point United Methodist Church was called to order at 7:00 P.M. June 2, 2009 by Rick Snider. Virginia led with prayer. Thirteen members were present: Rick & Lisa Snider, Virginia Emerick, Darlene Christian, Carl & Sandra Holtman, Jay Blessing, Mandy Bridges, Rae Ritchie, Nellie VanSickle, Pastor Jeff Smith, Phil & Pam Katter. Previous minutes were approved. Darlene gave the treasurer's report. May was the final month for paying only the basic loan payment. It helped bring up the general account balance. Account balance on May 31 was \$6,437.89. Phil questioned what account should pay for the donuts that are now being served after church. It was decided to pay for the donuts from the general fund. The current loan balance is \$56,790.86.

There was a worship meeting in May to discuss two services. That committee decided to start having two services the first Sunday of August. The first service will be a traditional one. The second will be a blended service. We may need to consider getting audio/visual equipment to help with the second service. Hopefully two services will help with the parking problem.

There was a park committee meeting on May 14th. Rick feels we have good leadership there. There was a work day last Saturday. Cleared out on north side toward the ball field and made an area 12x24 for a metal barn to store the mower in. The barn is to be delivered on June 25th. Derrick will level the area for the barn and put gravel on it. Mike Spencer was meeting with Gary Cheesman today to get work started on culvert. The piping is in and they should get to work on it soon. The Green family has worked very hard on the tree line between the church and park property. Pete Luttrell & Shane Green are getting equipment to dig a hole to put the tree stumps in to burn.

Darlene reported the church will be appraised this year. Personal property will be increased to cover the copier and office equipment. Will be insured for \$95,000. The church is insured for \$500,000. Carl asked about insurance on the ground and liability coverage. That is covered. Will need to add the shed and mower to the policy.

Jerry did not ask Josh and Mandy to chair the community picnic September 12. Rick asked Mandy at this meeting and she agreed to do it.

Jerry, Jeff, and Mark have been doing the mowing at the park. After the mower is stored there, more people should be able to help.

For VBS, Josh set the hand microphone and the head set on the same channel. Now they both work but not at the same time. Josh said he would try to get a new cord for the second receiver so both could be on at the same time. Pastor Jeff said he would ask someone from First Church to look at the system also.

The UMW only made about \$25 selling Ice Cream at the Lion's Club car show. The weather was not good and that hurt attendance and business. Food was donated to the food pantry last week and we sent workers this week.

Little Beamer's church is going well. Ruth Buckner has helped some.

VBS is this week and it is going well. Have about 65 kids.

Mandy received a letter about a Lay Leader meeting on Saturday. No one has been appointed to that position yet.

Pastor Jeff reported on the Lighthouse Mission trip. There are 14 spots reserved. Ten kids and three adults have committed to going. Pastor Jeff feels they are doing okay financially. There is a meeting on Thursday, June 4 to get everything in order.

Pastor Jeff stated we need to communicate effectively with all the congregation about what is happening and where we are going. We need to be careful that we don't get too far ahead of the rest of the congregation. We think a lot about the things we have accomplished - like 3/4 of our loan is paid for, we have acquired the park property, we could have a community center that is paid for. Sometimes we forget that others don't know all the details. People need to know what is happening and why. Be in prayer! Phil suggested inviting congregation to the June 8 park meeting. Need to have a specific spot in the newsletter for updates on the park. Maybe ask Teresa to write up something each month. Was also suggested to put park board minutes on the web site. Darlene suggested having someone in the hospitality room to answer questions.

Rick suggested again a retreat away from the church where we can discuss what we want for our future. Mark said we need a facilitator. Rick said we need to prioritize. Pastor Jeff will invite someone from St. Andrew since they just went through a building project. It was suggested that we shorten our mission statement. Will try to have a retreat Aug. 7 & 8. Lisa will call the Trails and other places to get prices and check on availability. Need to include several new people also. Pastor Jeff stated he appreciates how this congregation says "yes".

The cluster group will meet at West Point on August 5th at 6:00 P.M. We will have an ice cream social before the meeting.

Mark stated he felt Tom Melind was pushing the church and park board too much. Phil said they are free and working for us. They will do what we ask. Rick asked how can we walk away from what they offer? Rick stated we need to put trust in Karla and Teresa and the work they have accomplished so far.

Dismissed at 8:15 P.M. Pastor Jeff dismissed with prayer.

Pam Katter
Recording Secretary