

WEST POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The Administrative Council for West Point United Methodist Church was called to order at 7:00 P.M. November 3, 2009 by chairperson Jerry Harbath. Nineteen members were present: Pastor Jeff Smith, Jerry & Vicki Harbath, Virginia Emerick, Ruth Shedd, Mary Lou Lawson, Jerry Stewart, Rick, Lisa & Drew Snider, Nellie VanSickle, Phil & Pam Katter, Mark & Darlene Christian, Jay Blessing, Karla Ross, Kris Emerick & Art Bilyeu. Jerry opened by reading Isaiah 58. Previous minutes were read and approved. Darlene gave the treasurer's report. The General Fund balance on October 31 was \$844.58. Darlene suggested we revert back to using donated money to pay our loan payment. Mark made a motion to pay the minimum land payment for 3 months using money marked for loan payment. Ruth seconded. Passed. The crop was sold for \$10,036.58. That amount will be applied to the November loan payment. Remaining account balances were: Mission Fund \$3,923.72; Trustees \$4,474.58; Sunday School \$297.60; Memorial Fund \$15,232.71; Building Fund \$75,100.00. The current loan balance is \$46,418.77. A memorial fund donation of \$7,337.47 was deposited in the Trustees Fund to cover new tables and chairs for the fellowship hall. That cost was \$1,738.90 for tables and \$4,921.39 for chairs and a rack.

Next order of business was the current worship service times. The biggest complaint from the congregation is the traditional service starts too early. Jerry also stated the power point and screen are a big complaints in the contemporary service. Discussed having a contemporary service at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. Pastor Jeff stated that doesn't usually work. Rick said he feels we are losing more people and not gaining any new ones. Darlene suggested doing a survey asking what times the congregation want specific services and what they desire in services. Darlene questioned if before we spend the money on two tv monitors, do we want to decide on 2 traditional services or one of each. Pastor Jeff said, "Why are we doing this?" Because there were 85 at the single service and we needed to change to make room. Pastor Jeff likes Ricks statement "This is like a guitar we are fine tuning". We will continue fine tuning this. Pastor Jeff states facts are our friends. Pastor Jeff will send out a survey to those that attend asking what they think about the times and kind of services we are now having. Ruth said she feels Pastor Jeff isn't available much on Sunday morning as he is hurried from one service to another. She suggested a Sunday evening service. Will ask for suggested service times in the survey. If we make any changes, Jerry feels it needs to be after the first of January. Pastor Jeff will try to have a draft of the survey next week and have it in the mail by mid-month. Virginia said he needs to let people know that everyone is getting a copy of the survey.

Kris Emerick will start helping with the praise team. CD's will be burned so the music flows smoothly. Karla enjoys the contemporary service. Everyone that attends enjoys it.

Karla stated we have an address for Cadet Park: 4799 State Road 25 South.

Darlene has contacted Computers Made Easy about hooking up tv's to the office computer for use during contemporary service. It can be done for around \$5,000. Between the conference grant and memorial money, the cost to the church would be around \$1,000. A suggestion was made to check other churches to see how their set up is and how it works. Ted Riehle at Computers Made Easy suggested plasma tv's as they have a better side view. An LCD

screen needs to be seen straight on. Several people will need technical training on how to use the system. Jerry stated he went to Best Buy after we received their bid. The television they quoted at \$5,500 was priced at \$1,700. They really over bid.

Pastor Jeff said Julie is working out great. She has taken a lot off his plate. She is setting up a data base with all the kids name in it. Pastor Jeff has been paying her out of his pocket. Still waiting on job description and paper work. The church will start paying her in January.

Starting in January, we are committed to a \$5,000 donation to Wesley Foundation. A few donations have been received already. This money will go in the missions account and payment made from there. The second service tithe is only about 1/3 the amount of the first service. The change donations for Lighthouse are down.

Phil stated that he and Corky filled out an application to receive a free defibrillator through Revive & Survive. We are eligible to receive an AED through them. We need five volunteers to take a class to learn how to use it. Those volunteering were: Phil, Lisa, Drew, Karla and Pastor Jeff. Phil will contact them and set up a time for the class.

Jerry said that on Sunday Shane Green noticed that the fire extinguishers had not been serviced for years. Defer this to the trustees to take care of.

Virginia reported for the smorgasbord. She wondered if maybe people don't know what a smorgasbord is and if we should change the name to "Fall Harvest Dinner" or something. Fellowship is very important to her. The bazaar made \$232.65 this year. She will have a final total in a couple of weeks for the dinner.

Mark suggested we have an antique tractor show at the park sometime. The park board had talked about doing something similar to that during Potawatimi in Attica. Rick suggested doing an arts and crafts fair with no flea market. Will discuss these in January.

The hanging of the greens is November 22nd. Operation Christmas Child runs through November 15th. Rae will deliver the packages for shipping then. The charge conference will be Sunday at 12:30. The cluster meeting will follow. The Lighthouse will go to Great Skates on Sunday.

Pastor Jeff cannot make Administrative Council meeting on Tuesday December 1 and would like to change it to Wednesday December 2. There was no opposition.

Pastor Jeff stated that our goal is to please God and determine his purpose for us. Pastor Jeff reminded us to remember our core values.

Dismissed at 8:40 P.M. Pastor Jeff dismissed with prayer.

Pam Katter
Recording Secretary