

Hilltop United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Allison Bass, Kelly McCuaig, Stacy Vanderwerf, Karin Gavin, Ashley Goltermann, Paulette Adams, Kerry Rausch, Bob Berg, Bonnie Weingartz, Paulette Booker, and Onalee Green.

Pastor Kelly mentioned that Michelle Behsman's mom had a stroke and that Michelle is in Texas and asked that we keep her mom and the family in our prayers.

Allison opened with scripture (Ephesians 1: 17-18) and intentional prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Bonnie Weingartz asked to amend the March 2018 Administrative Council meeting minutes to reflect Shannon McCuaig's presence. Don Putzier moved to approve the March Ad Council minutes as amended, and Paulette Booker seconded. Motion carried.

Visioning: Pastor Kelly expressed excitement in the fact that Matt Sipe, along with his wife Julie will be coming to Hilltop. Matt has been appointed as our next pastor. Matt loves Jesus so much. Pastor Kelly also mentioned that the General Conference starts this weekend. This is a specially called general conference to discern the direction of the denomination in regards to ordination of gay and lesbian persons and if same sex weddings can be performed. Pastor Kelly's prayer is that Hilltop sees themselves as a light in a dark world and continues to be a place that everyone feels they can come and worship the Lord.

Upward: Paulette Booker stated this team is preparing for Lent and that Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019.

Inward: Stacy Vanderwerf reported that Connect Groups are underway. There are 23 people participating in Financial Peace University. The new Epic of Edin study of Ruth also has 23 people participating. The Sunday morning program is going well. Paulette Adams is hosting the Good Friday cantata. Connect Academy is meeting on Wednesday evenings. It is now time to start planning fall groups and she will connect with Matt Sipe as to the role he wants to play in this. Stacy indicated that she looking for someone to volunteer to help coordinate the Connect Groups.

At the January Charge Conference, the Nominations Committee was authorized to appoint people on committees. Mark Wright has accepted a position on finance committee. He has extensive financial background in and outside out of church and he has creative ideas and likes to think outside the box. Kelly McCuaig moved, seconded by Kerry Rausch to approve adding Mark Wright to the Finance Committee. The MCCI teams are starting to be launched. Children Youth and Family team will be led by Karin Gavin and Jocelin Reynolds. Art Keith and Bill Scherer will lead the Strategic Master Facilities Team, Sanctuary Enhancement Sub-team and or signage sub team.

Trustees: Bob Berg stated he signed a contract with Schwickert's to install air conditioning in the Sunday school room, conference room, and fireside room. The bid came in under the amount of money set aside. Bids for electrical work are still needed. This expense can be taken out of major repairs. Concerns about the nurse were presented. Work in this area will be included in MCCI recommendations. Wayne Rom has completed the 2016 and 2017 audit.

Finance: Kerry Rausch presented the December 2018 financial report stating that the 2018 expenses were greater than income. The finance committee has been discussing potential changes to implement. Paulette Booker moved, seconded by Bob Berg to approve the December 2018 financial report. **Added post meeting:** Total expenditures in December were \$43,541.36, income was \$47,965.91. Checking balance at the end of December was \$17,953.57, with a working general fund balance of \$12,700.91. YTD expenditures were \$344,418.58 and YTD income was \$341,178.70.

Kids Connection and Nursery: – Pastor Kelly presented report stating the number of children in Kids Connection is in the low 20s. A new curriculum will be starting. Concern was raised regarding staffing levels for Kids Connection and that Safe Sanctuary practices need to be followed. Need two unrelated adults. Pastor Kelly asked that concerns should be brought forward to him or to SPRC.

Youth and Campus: Pastor Ashley reported that the youth group's 30 Hour Famine scheduled for this weekend may be rescheduled due to weather forecast. The flamingo fundraiser will continue once weather improves. The College Ministry is going well. College students are being paired up with mentors and volunteer mentors are needed. Ashley is in the process of making the Sunday school room more comfortable for youth and college students. If anyone has extra bean bag chairs or comfortable chairs that are transportable and storable please let Ashley know.

Endowment Fund: John Phelps presented the endowment reports stating the Education and Leadership Fund has a balance of \$33,333.66 and the Property Fund has a balance of \$18,193.03.

Technology: Bob Berg reported that the recorder which reports the Sunday services has failed and that he will be contacting Sim Sound for repairs.

The newsletter deadline is the Friday after the Ad Council meeting. An e-newsletter will be sent out in March along with regular ways of dispersing the newsletter.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Rausch.