

Hilltop United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:30 pm

Present: Kelly McCuaig, Ashley Goltermann, Allison Bass, Bonnie Weingartz, Robin Staloch, Paulette Booker, Terry Berg, Bill Scherer, Michelle Behsman, Paulette Adams, John Phelps (via phone).

The meeting was opened in prayer by Don Putzier.

Pastor's Report: Kelly asked if there were any thoughts on MCCI and he discussed the next steps in the process. An interest survey will be distributed in the next month to assist in building prescription teams. The goal is to have all teams formed by the end of February, and met with the assigned MCCI prescription coach.

Charge Conference Action: Pastor Kelly presented the pastoral compensation forms for both lead and associate pastor, which were approved by SPRC. After a brief discussion, Don Putzier motioned to approve pastoral compensation as presented. Allison Bass seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the last meeting on Oct. 25 2018, were available for review. A motion was made by Paulette Booker to approve the minutes as presented. Terry Berg seconded. The motion passed.

Inward: Pastor Kelly reported that there were 28 individuals signed up for Connect Academy. Jody Thone, MN Annual Conference Leadership Development Director, led the group in discussion of Clifton Strengths at the last meeting.

Outward: Don Putzier reported on behalf of Stephanie and gave an overview of the Sierra Leone medical mission trip—the team visited a new clinic in the area and they tended to over 500 patients.

Kelly added that the current work of the Outward team may be absorbed by Ad Council in the coming year, as an MCCI prescription team will be formed to focus on our “signature ministry”.

Trustees: Bill Scherer reported that on Oct. 27th Alec Scherer had completed his Eagle Scout project (to redo the mulch around the building and replace mulch around the sanctuary with larger rock), with the help of several hard working scouts. Bill also asked the status of budgeted funds for future trustee initiatives.

SPRC: John Phelps reported that SPRC has been discussing via email the use of the HEAT (Higher Education Action Team) grant to provide a stipend for the Wesley House Coordinator.

Kids Connection/Nursery: Robin Staloch reported that the nursery has been fully staffed recently due to the increased number of volunteers. She said that the youth in Kids Connection will present a nativity program on Sun., Dec. 16, at the 10:30am worship service.

Finance: Michelle Behsman reported that YTD expenditures were \$306,160.84 and YTD income was \$288,131.91. Checking balance at the beginning of the year was \$52,053.15. The checking balance at the end of October was \$34,024.22. \$38,739.34 is designated for various missions, leaving a working general fund balance of \$15,284.88. Bonnie Weingartz made a motion to approve the finance report. Don Putzier seconded. The motion passed.

Youth/Campus: Ashley Goltermann discussed the need for dedicated space for the youth group and suggested that tables and chairs be moved from the west classroom to provide more space for the youth. Also, she asked that the trustees add doors with windows to this room to meet Safe Sanctuary policy.

She reported the Wesley Foundation would be having a *Friendsgiving* on Sun. Nov. 25 at Hilltop. Thirteen of the students are going to the OCC processing center in December. The MN Annual Conference wrote a great article on the Wesley Foundation at MNSU in the last MNConnect. Also, the Teal Pumpkin event was a great success in outreach to the community—over 70 neighborhood kids attended. Terry Berg asked if there was a need for Finals Week gift bags and Ashley said that it would be nice to have them ready by Dec. 9th.

Endowment: John Phelps reported that due to stock market fluctuations, the endowment funds were down about 2%.

New Business: Allison Bass asked if there was any conflict with December 20th as the next Ad Council meeting date. Kelly led the council in the breakthrough prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Behsman.