

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Ginny Norton, Paulette Booker, Wayne Baumgartner, Shannon McCuaig, Kelly McCuaig, Paulette Adams, Don Putzier, Ashley Swoboda, Allison Bass, Terry Berg, Bonnie Weingartz, Robin Staloch, and Kerry Rausch

Allison Bass called the meeting to order with 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 and Paulette Booker seconded. Motion carried.

Visioning: Pastor Kelly shared a recent moment in which he knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was present and asked others to share as they felt called. This is what break through prayer is about for Hilltop UMC and invited all to attend the Breakthrough Prayer Night on April 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Upward Team: Paulette Booker thanks everyone who helped with the Stations during Holy Week and stated that 57 people attended. The artistic team has begun planning for Pentecost. Barb and Art Keith, Shanna Blomquist, and Lorna Kennedy have joined the artistic team.

Inward: Kelly McCuaig stated the first year of Connect Academy has been completed.

Outward: The team is working on developing a policy for requests for people in need.

Finance: Kerry Rausch reported year to date revenue is \$96,046.91 and year to date expenses are \$94,382.81 with an ending checking balance of \$53,717.27 and a General Working Fund Balance of \$36,409.44. The finance committee is working on obtaining bids for the church audit. Don Putzier moved to approve the finance report and Paulette Booker seconded. Motion carried.

Kids Connection and Nursery: Robin Staloch reported that she will be distributing Kids Connection evaluations to families and would like these evaluations returned by the end of May.

Youth and Campus: Ashley Swoboda stated the Wesley Foundation Registered Student Organization on MSU-Mankato is waiting for final approval and that student leaders have been appointed. Lydia Jagodzinske is second in command, working with Ashley. Peter Thormodson is Co-Vice President with Eric Molina. Three events have been planned during Welcome Week at MSU-Mankato to welcome students. Volunteers are needed to provide a meal to the college group on Sunday, April 29th.

The Youth Group kids are growing together as a community and in their faith and are able to articulate this.

Ashley will be recognized for the new campus ministry at the Annual Conference session in St. Cloud on Wed., May 30th.

Pastoral Care: Terry and Bob Berg made 15 finals week survival care packages for college students.

Technology: Don Putzier reported on several items. An Easy Worship 7 upgrade is available and Don will discuss with the technology group about the benefits of upgrading at this time. He proposed that we do a church directory this year, since it has been six years since the last directory was produced and it would be nice to have an updated one for our 150th anniversary year as well. Various options included printed, mobile, or a combination of directories. Kelly suggested discussing further with Michelle regarding options. Don also indicated how well received the live streaming of Kelly's message on our snow day of April 15 via Facebook was. He will look in to further options for live steaming of our services every Sunday and has contacted the conference for some assistance as well. Paulette Adams inquired

to protocol to let people know when church is cancelled. The cancellation was broadcast on KEYC and KTOE, put on Facebook (which includes a notification on the church's website) and emailed. Pastor Kelly stated he relies heavily on the Trustees when making the decision to cancel services due to weather. The need for such a policy was discussed.

New Business: Paulette Adams stated that 2018 will be the last year for the Operation Christmas Child processing center to be located in Minneapolis and that it will then move to Chicago. Anyone interested in working in the processing center may want to consider doing so this year.

Allison Bass stated there will be no Administrative Council meeting in June.

Paulette Adams stated that Pastor Kelly will be ordained at this year's Annual Conference and that Jeff Adams will be recognized as a Licensed Local Pastor. These recognitions will take place at 2:00 p.m. on June 1, 2018.

Paulette Adams stated the Good Friday service was a God moment for members and the many visitors.

The meeting was adjourned after joining in the Breakthrough prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Rausch.