

**Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 23, 2018, 6:30 pm**

**Present:** Kelly McCuaig, Shannon McCuaig, Stacy Vanderwerf, Kerry Rausch, Terry Berg, Bonnie Weingartz, Wayne Baumgartner, Bob Berg, John Phelps, Ginny Norton, Ashley Goltermann, Paulette Booker, Karin Gavin, Michelle Behsman.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Kelly McCuaig.

**Pastor's Report:** Kelly spoke about a recent MCCI training session on the topic of growing generous givers. He provided insight to Paul's letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians: 8) in how both cities, Corinth and Macedonia, while very different economically, were encouraged to give generously. This year's stewardship drive will differ from previous years, as members will be invited to "wrestle with God" as they discern their giving as an act of worship.

Kelly provided an overview of the MCCI weekend (which is Oct. 13-14<sup>th</sup>) and answered questions about what will take place. Bob, Paulette, and Bonnie volunteered to handle hospitality for the MCCI events taking place and Karin and Kerry offered to assist in making invitation phone calls.

Kelly also invited Ad Council to consider what it might look like for Hilltop to engage with the community on October 21st and "do church" by serving as volunteers for the Mankato Marathon. There would be one worship service that day for those who are unable to work the event. The hope is to have 150 volunteers from Hilltop as a way to celebrate our 150 years of ministry. Ad Council affirmed this outreach ministry opportunity.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the last meeting on July 26, 2018 were available for review. A motion was made by Bob Berg to approve the minutes as presented. Paulette Booker seconded. The motion passed.

**Upward:** Paulette Booker praised the artistic illustration team for their work on the "Campfire Stories" sermon series.

**Inward:** (Nominations/Leadership): Stacy reported that Connect Groups and the Connect Academy will be launching in October.

**Outward:** Shannon provided an update—school supplies are being collected for Kennedy Elementary and Hilltop will serve the Salvation Army noon meal on Sunday, Sept. 30th.

**Trustees:** Bob Berg reported that work on the west wall was in process and came in over budget due to unexpected issues. Alec Scherer provided a proposal (to redo the mulch around the building and replace mulch around the sanctuary with larger rock) as his Eagle Scout project.

**Finance:** Kerry Rausch reported that total expenditures in July were \$25,000.78, income was \$28,075.17. Checking balance at the end of July was \$60,627.14. \$37,987.27 was designated leaving a working general fund balance of \$22,639.87. Kerry also reported that finance was working on policies related to memorial giving and plan to have a form available for use to those who wish to give a memorial gift. Paulette Booker made a motion to approve the finance report. Karin Gavin seconded. The motion carried.

**SPRC:** John Phelps reported that SPRC approved a recommendation from Ashley to employ a non-paid youth ministry intern. Lydia Jagodzinski is a student at MNSU Mankato and formerly served on the Wesley Foundation Board. She worked at a bible camp this past summer and is exploring God's call on her to serve in youth ministry. SPRC is also defining the role and responsibilities of a Wesley House Coordinator. They will address the need to backfill the Administrative Assistant position after the MCCI process is complete.

**Children's Ministry:** Stacy reported that she had met with Robin Staloch and they developed the idea having guest storytellers during nursery time.

**Youth/Campus: New Business:** The Wesley Foundation had a very busy week, starting on Wednesday as part of

the move-in crew. Several connections were made with students and the team was complimented as being the most cheerful group. Ashley will host an all day leadership retreat at the Wesley House on Friday. On Saturday the team will serve as ushers and greeters at the Welcome week big event. They will finish the week with a Wesley Foundation welcome event on the lawn of the performing arts building—serving walking tacos, offering bean bag toss and volleyball and creating tie dye shirts. Students will continue to gather at Hilltop on Sunday evenings for class meeting and a monthly “Let’s Get Real Talk”. There will also be a monthly worship on campus beginning on Thurs., Sept. 9th.

Ashley is excited for a new year with the Hilltop Youth. Parents and youth gathered for a forum on August 1st and have developed a Youth Ministry Action Team (YMAT), to work collaboratively with the pastor and youth intern to tend to the behind-the-scenes work of ministry. The new youth ministry intern, Lydia, has already connected with the Hilltop youth as they spent Wednesday at the Waseca waterpark. Youth will begin meeting every Wednesday evening at the church once school starts.

**Endowment:** John Phelps reported that the endowment fund for Property began four years ago with \$15,000 and is now at \$18,000. The account for Education and Leadership began at \$23,000 and is now \$33,000.

**Technology:** Don Putzier thanks all those who participated in the church directory project. Those who were photographed should be receiving their photos shortly (some have already received them). A proof of our printed directory will be ready in early September. Depending on its accuracy, we will hopefully have printed directories by early October. If any Ad Council members are aware of someone who would like to take on the role of our mobile directory (on-line directory) administrator, please let Don know.

A new high definition camcorder was purchased to allow recording of church events outside of the sanctuary, such as our recent Fellowship Hall services. The aspect ratio of the main projection in the sanctuary has been adjusted to 16:9 to accommodate the format which most media requires. Our main screen will have blank areas on the top and bottom, which are normal for this format. When a new screen and/or projector is needed, a new aspect ratio screen will be purchased.

**New Business:** Michelle shared with council the new logo for Hilltop and discussed the launch of the new branding.

Kelly McCuaig closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Behsman.