

Hilltop United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeff Adams, Paulette Booker, Stacy Vanderwerf, Allison Bass, Paulette Adams, Don Putzier, Shannon McCuaig, Bob Berg, Kelly McCuaig, and Kerry Rausch.

Jeff called the meeting to order with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berg moved to approve the April Ad Council minutes and Allison Bass seconded. Motion carried.

Faith Formation: Pastor Kelly led the reading of chapter 4 of Rising Revival.

Visioning: Pastor Wes Putnam will lead a family program August 6-9, 2017. This is an event which will include community outreach.

Committee Reports

Outward Team: Met on Sunday to continue the process of discerning how to choose a missionary family to partner with. We recently participated in Habitat for Humanity's Home Tweet Home. We donated 7 bird houses; 6 of them were decorated by our Sunday School kids, and one of them was decorated by Norma Preston.

Inward: Jody Thone met with the inward team two weeks ago and outlined a potential discipleship plan. She was ecstatic with Hilltop's intentionality and would like others to learn from us.

Trustees: Bob Berg reported the trustees gave permission to a neighbor, next to the parsonage, for access to her property via Hilltop's property to have a tree removed. The church's land will be returned to its original condition by the contractor.

Pavers have been laid by the front entrance with planting yet to be completed.

The Conference approached Hilltop to become an area video conferencing center. This could be a large commitment with associated expenses, such as technology and janitorial, which the Conference has indicated they would assume full responsibility for all costs. Pastor Kelly indicated he would like to learn more about this venture before a decision is made.

Finance: Kerry Rausch reported year to date revenue is \$134,335.32 and year-to-date expenses are \$135,445.80 with a ending checking balance of \$35,737.52. The fact that revenue is lower than expenses was discussed. Kelly and Michelle will sit down to discern how to use the increase fund for Ashley Swoboda's salary. Paulette Booker moved to approve the finance report and Stacy Vanderwerf seconded. Motion carried.

Staff/Pastor Parish Relations: Meet and Greets have been scheduled for the Swobodas. Ashley will begin at Hilltop on June 25, 2017. An ice cream social is being planned.

Youth: Confirmation class has finished with the class portion of instruction. The congregation will pray over the nineteen students on Sunday, May 21.

Pastoral Care: Paulette Adams will talk to Terry Berg about reporting on area. Communion visits are

going well and recipients are grateful.

Technology: Upgrades on our sanctuary system continue. A new computer has been donated and appropriate software upgrades are being made. Training for all technology team members will take place in late June regarding various upgrades. Gifts from church members continue to come in, with more funds still needed, to help fund the new video and upcoming audio upgrades for the sanctuary. Thanks again to all for your contributions.

New Business: Bob Berg reported that a building exploration committee met with a building/architectural firm to explore options available to address our current needs for space. The architects recommendation was to leave the sanctuary as is. Ad Council discussion included the need to determine all funding needs before moving forward and also the need for additional consultations from other building/architect firms. Hilltop has been selected for MMCI to come in at no cost to help us dream of our future needs and goals. This would take place in the 2018-2019 school year. The building could be one of the items identified. Space for the youth is being discussed by Kelly and Jocelin.

Allison Bass moved to adjourn and Bob Berg seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry Rausch