

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 17, 2018, 6:30 pm**

Present: Bonnie Weingartz, Robin Staloch, Kerry Rausch, Kelly McCuaig, Don Putzier, Bob Berg, Paulette Booker, Ashley Swoboda, Terry Berg, Shannon McCuaig

The meeting was called to order and opened in prayer by Don Putzier.

Pastor's Report: Kelly shared a recent breakthrough he experienced after meeting Bishop Ough in preparation for ordination. He was inspired by a phrase in the vows in which he will promise to "continually rekindle" the gift of God. He asked the council to share ways that they have experienced this rekindling of the Holy Spirit and to consider how they might rekindle the gift of God that is within us.

Finance Report: Kerry Rausch reported that April expenses were \$27,944.80 and income was \$33,187.39 with an ending checking balance of \$58,534.86. Less \$20,534.57 in designated funds, we have a working general fund balance of \$38,000.29. Kerry stated a need for members on the finance committee and asked council to prayerfully consider who they knew that might be able to serve in this ministry. Bob Berg made a motion to approve the finance report. Bonnie Weingartz seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from the last meeting on April 19, 2018, were available for review. A motion was made by Paulette Booker to approve the minutes as presented. Shannon McCuaig seconded. The motion passed.

Upward: Paulette Booker praised the artistic illustration team for their work on Pentecost decoration. They have now begun planning for the 150th Anniversary celebration, which will take place October 7, 2018.

Inward (Nominations/Leadership): Pastor Kelly reported that he and Stacy Vanderwerf had met recently to discuss Fall Connect Groups.

Outward: Shannon McCuaig reported that Hilltop will serve the noon meal at the Salvation Army this coming Sunday, May 20th.

Trustees: Bob Berg reported that recent work has been focused on the community garden, tilling and applying compost. The trustees were also looking to schedule a Spring clean up day and Derrick Galinat is working on a task list.

Children's Ministry: Robin Staloch reported evaluation forms have been sent to parents, volunteers, and kids this past week. She plans to offer something for kids this summer.

Youth/Campus: Ashley Swoboda reported that the youth will continue to meet throughout the summer, but will not need meals. She hopes to establish a youth ministry team and will host a youth ministry forum in June. Youth parents are planning a mission trip for June. College students will also meet throughout the summer and they are hoping to have meals provided by volunteers.

Pastoral Care: Terry Berg reported that there will be a brunch on June 24th at 10:00am. The prayer shawl group will not be meeting in the summer.

Technology: Don Putzier reported that the latest Easy Worship had been downloaded and they would soon begin testing.

Stewardship: Kelly said that the 2019 stewardship campaign may start earlier this year, in order to avoid conflict with the 150th Anniversary and the MCCI process.

Old Business: Don Putzier researched options for a church directory and summarized the offerings by LifeTouch. There are options for both a classic directory and a mobile/online version. We would need to provide a coordinator for scheduling photo sessions. Don made a motion to begin the process of creating a church directory. Paulette Booker seconded. The motion carried.

Old Business: Ad council will not meet in June.

Don Putzier closed in prayer. Respectfully submitted by Michelle Behsman and Kerry Rausch.