

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2009

Those in attendance were:

Rob Carter	Norma Bradbury	Kellee Milheim
Russ Milheim	Keith Akins	Wayne Welsh
Cheryl Merkle	Dale Merkle	Jean Turner
Everett Currie	Edsel Bradbury	Kathy Peters
Joyce Talley		

Russ Milheim called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pastor Carter opened the meeting with devotion from the Adventure Devotional and a prayer.

Minutes were read. Corrected Wayne Welsh spelling and under Ministry Day corrected to say only Jean Turner had not been contacted. Norma Bradbury motioned to accept with corrections and Kellee Milheim second.

Joyce Talley and Jean Turner presented one of the two banners made by the quilters club. They explained that this was their donation for 2010 instead of making a quilt to be auctioned. They asked if this could be done for the next year also. It was decided to have them only do one year at a time.

The financial report was presented by Keith Akins. The budget is \$19K under income and \$27K under in expenses. The utilities have been higher than expected and capital improvements were not used so far. The budget is plus \$9,000 thru November 2009. Keith will check the social security numbers but he thinks it is just a timing issue. Wayne Welsh motioned to accept the finance report as it and Kellee Milheim second.

The pledge summary report was looked at. The 2010 budget was then presented. The Pastor's numbers are matching charge conference numbers. The lay personnel increases were based on performance and the nursery worker was removed from the budget. Apportionments reflect a decrease. The overall budget was decreased by \$46K. Wayne Welsh asked about the bottom numbers under annual growth and Keith believes these are misleading numbers and will take off the sheet. Faith was adjusted to balance out income. Wayne Welsh motioned to accept 2010 budget, Kellee Milheim second and all were in favor. This also includes the increases for the lay personnel.

5 Practices-Hospitality curriculum should take 20 weeks but folks did not seem interested in the time needed for this. Some brainstorming was done and they did come up with some areas of concern:

- Remove clutter
- More handicap spaces marked better
- Ledges need to be lowered at doorway for wheelchairs to access entrance

- Pathway by curb island
- Clean mildew from brick sign
- Separate bulletin boards
- Need baby changing table in Narthex
- Mix of music before service
- Breakup quiet before service with recorded music
- Begin using more technology/contemporary
- Need Braille hymnals
- Pull grass from parking lot
- Restroom signs

Trustees need to be involved with some of the above. This discussion led into the problem of clutter in the church and Cheryl Merkle made a motion to task a group to tackle the fruitful practices, the first one being hospitality. Wayne Welsh second and all were in favor.

The Pastor presented his items. At charge conference Shiloh raised the question of their financial viability under the present arrangement. The district superintendent has met with them and is planning on meeting with their council to try to work this out. The pastor presented several possible options that will affect Calvary.

Dissolve charge and have new pastor appointed July 1 with salary approximately what Calvary's share is now.

Calvary would absorb a larger share of the pastoral expense. That would mean less pastoral time for Shiloh and more for Calvary.

Pastor Carter could accept a reduction in salary and stay on at Calvary. The D.S. did not favor this and Pastor Carter is not sure whether it is a viable option but it is a possibility.

Pastor received a letter from the boy scouts stating they are trying to recruit a new leader and are looking for help from Calvary with maybe a volunteer. Everett Currie stated that the boy scouts do help out with the cemetery cleanup and food drives.

Mildred is frustrated with trying to get out the newsletter. She is not getting enough input. It was suggested to only put the newsletter out every two months.

The disciple bible study will begin in Jan with the first half and the second half will be finished in the fall. Pastor will teach one of the advance studies and would like to do a first year study if a teacher can be found.

A paper drive will be done in January.

Pastor nominated Russ and Kellee Milheim as council members at large for 2010. Norma second and all were in favor.

Wayne on behalf of the council thanked Russ and Kellee for their heart and devotion as President of the council and SPRC chair. The Pastor seconded the motion. Norma asked if a new list of committees and members could be done.

Agenda items for January will be financials, update on Shiloh, update on hospitality and Olan Mills.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2010. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. with prayer.

Kathy Peters
Acting Secretary