

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 21, 2009**

Those in attendance were:

John Blom

Edsel Bradbury

Norma Bradbury

Pastor Carter Dale Merkle

Sharon French

Cheryl Merkle

Kellee Milheim

Russ Milheim

Russ Milheim called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m. Pastor Carter opened with prayer.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and the following corrections were made:

Page 2 paragraph 1 should read ...windows in the doors in the Sunday School rooms...

Page 2 paragraph 2 should read ...briefed that Calvary did not get any matches...
Kellee made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Norma 2nd.

Trustees state we must start fund-raising to raise approx. \$25,000 for 2 new air handlers and duct work. These are for the Sanctuary and the rooms in back of Sanctuary.

It was also brought to the Trustees attention that the "Choir Room" is being used for storage and that there is not enough room for all choir members to be in there changing into their choir robes. No action was taken by the Church Council at this time.

The SPRC will hold an annual meeting in Aug. To explain our Safe Sanctuary Policy. The dates are Thursday, Aug. 20th, 7PM at Calvary and Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 12:30PM at Shiloh. Reminders will be sent out "snail mail" and email. SPRC has gone over the Safe Sanctuary Policy with a "fine tooth comb" and has come up with the following changes:

① P. 3 under Procedures and Practices for Safe Ministry, omit #7 because it is too restrictive.

② P. 4 third line, delete [you may] after "...Pastor, you may notify the Chair..." and also delete [and the District Superintendent yourself]. Reason: eliminating confusion, just tell the pastor or if necessary, the Chair of SPRC.

③ P. 4 under Requirements and Procedures for workers with Children, omit #2. Reason: redundant given the references listed on the sexual misconduct questionnaire.

④ Add the following statement after the last section in Requirements and Procedures for Workers with Children:

While there may be slight variations with the policy of our sister church on the Calvary-Shiloh charge, we agree to honor each other's policies and certifications of workers with youth and children.

⑤ With respect to appendices—omit the Volunteer application as too cumbersome for our small church and volunteer pool.

Norma made a motion to accept the changes to the Safe Sanctuary Policy Cheryl 2nd. All in favor.

Peggy Ireland says that Ace Hardware can order a kit to insert a window in a hollow panel door. We need to know the dimensions of the door.

**Do we have the need, ability, etc. to share calendars, computers, Power Point, Email Box?
We should bring this up at the Planning Retreat.**

Annual Planning Day is Aug. 15th at Calvary at 8:30a.m. We will show a DVD and discuss such things as ways to improve the church, how to stream line meetings, etc., calendars, Fall Festival, presentation of Safe Sanctuaries and more.

Possibility of doing a new church directory was discussed and we hope to have a contact to represent their company at the planning retreat.

Charge Conference is Oct. 18th, from 3-6p.m. Calvary's is scheduled for 5p.m. We need 4 break-out rooms. We also need 3-4 people to help with making this happen.

There has not been any further discussion on the Tabernacle and Hummari church switching spaces.

Pastor's Report:

We plan on starting the "5 Practices of a Fruitful Congregation" in the Sept/Oct. time frame. There will be a 5 sermon series and the adult Sunday School classes are ready to go with the study.

Pastor also wants to do a Disciple Bible Study and he plans on giving out a survey like last year.

Calvary's 105 year anniversary is coming up. Do we want to do something special with the Fall Festival or have a birthday party? Discussion for annual retreat.

Pastor spoke with Melissa Morgan our Cub Scout Master and the pack is merging with another pack. Calvary will still be the Sponsor. There will be a new Cub Master. March is the time for a new charter.

We told Tabernacle that they could not have exclusive use of a room in the Parish House but they could have a room with a lock and give us a key.

Norma stated that we were ahead in apportionments and we were up to date with everything - all bills were paid. We also have \$16,000 in the bank!

We are still waiting on a credit card for the church.

Our next meeting will be on Sept. 8th at 7PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon French, CC Secretary