

Grace United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2007

Members Present: Mary Owen, Martha Powers, Jim Westlake, Jim Lanni, Rev. Jill Zundel, Deb Root, Linda Farrell, Ron Powers

Members Absent: Cheryl McGuire, Karen Wissman, Chuck/Judy Sullivan

Martha opened with prayer.

Motion by Martha Powers, supported by Jim Lanni, to accept September meeting minutes, as written. Carried

Age Level Ministry (No representation)

No Report (Ministry is being dissolved in January)

Christian Education (No representation)

No Report

Evangelism (Mary Owen)

Welcome center has funding and is underway
Red Cross Blanket Drive another success

Finance/Treasurer (Jim Westlake)

Treasurer's report and balance sheet reviewed
2008 budget presented and approved

Missions (No representation)

Alternative Christmas Fair successful (interest, participation and money raised). Recommendation that 2008 fair be held earlier or possibly incorporate into bazaar. Either way it needs to be advertised sooner.

SPRC (Deb Root, 2008 chairperson)

No Report

Trustees (Martha Powers)

Fire Drill in October went well. Next step is to involve ministry teams in drills
Power point announcement each month preceding worship for awareness
Due diligence complete for "Sonshine" counseling. Liability is covered. Recommend a covenant agreement in place of a lease for space
Transition to new outer door locks complete with little impact
Garage policy redefined to assist rummage sale needs
Snow removal contract in place
Drum set to be appraised and listed on Craig's List

Main entry locks to be changed Sept 17

No response for participation in a Building Management Team

United Methodist Men (Jim Lanni)

Christmas basket project successful. Most families were referrals from Maconce elementary. The need is great

Worship (Pastor Jill)

Preparing for Christmas Eve candlelight services

Youth (Pastor Jill)

General activity update

Old Business

Endowment issue concerning borrowing from fund is closed. No action taken
Issue of employee/contractor status of all staff tabled until March
Discussion on detail of selling drum set
Working on final proposal for "Sonshine: counseling

2008 Ad Council Meeting Dates

March 4, June 3, Sept 9, Dec 2

New Business

New Building Sign (Evangelism)
Presented findings (written report) on new sign proposal
Need to identify who would do fund raising for a new sign
Ad Council recommended getting additional bids (including a local company)
Ad Council approved to move forward on project

Open Forum

Martha suggested that ministry plans be submitted for projects to control clutter (ie, coat drive). Pastor Jill commented that sometimes ministry is messy.
Use of office on Sunday mornings needs to be controlled. Too many youth are using it as a lounge.
Trustees will address through publish office use guidelines

Next Meeting: March 4, 2008 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Westlake