

Union Church Administrative Council

1-21-09 7:03 p.m.

Those Present:

Pastor Bill Meyer	Dick Tripp
Frank Sterner	Bob Sutton
Bobby Mahler	Tony Mastromarino
Gary Mahler	Nancy Mastromarino
Kelly Webster	B.J. Howard
Alane O'Conner	Julie Dana
Michael Barrett	Sharon Hankermeyer

Michael began our meeting with a prayer, noting a new year and a new President for our country. Pastor's time recognized the new year and offered the Order for Installation and Commissioning Service for our new and returning council members.

Pastor Bill shared that another check from the Conference Capital Campaign has been issued to the church for \$606.39 and that we need to designate where to use it for the sake of church growth and development. It was noted last year, the money was used for the youth program. It was suggested that we turn the money over to the Trustees and use the money for the insulation project for the church basement. Unanimously Approved.

Lay Leadership Committee Report: The committee put forth the name, Christine Merckens, for a position on the Trustees. A motion to approve was made and seconded, and there was unanimous approval.

Lay Leader Report: Christine reported that a visitor from a recent UMW event noted how friendly and welcoming the church was. She also reported that the Pumpkin Patch underwent a few organizational problems, however, again it was a great public relations event for the church and the town.

Lay Leader Nancy and Julie discussed the email prayer chain as well as people who are in need of assistance due to extreme weather. (Remember Jim)

Mission and Outreach: Discussion noted that the committee's work days continue with the last one being held November; 2008. There was one day spent splitting firewood for emergency purposes. Also the committee is applying for a United Way grant of \$1,000 to be used for winterization purposes. Christmas Giving Tree Ministry with Belgrade Central School took place with Bobby Mahler coordinating. Alane reported the giving of funds for the purpose of a missionary trip to Zimbabwe by a student from the Winthrop UMC. It was reported that Ernie is continuing to take items to the Solon Thrift Shop occasionally. He receives some gas money for those trips from committee's funding.

Benevolence: Dick Tripp reported (See report)

Staff Parish Relations: Shelly - no report

Treasurer: Reported (good month) (See report)

Finance: Tony reported that the Chester Thwing monies were placed in a CD as directed by AC. (See report)

Endowment: B.J. reported that all of the funds received for the Endowment have been placed in 3 month CD's until the new committee can meet in the near future.

Trustee Report: Bobbie reported a problem with some folks "borrowing" chairs and tables without ok or

knowledge of the Pastor or committee. The lending policy is only to loan chairs that have "non-padded" seats. Also, there are missing keys that need to be tracked down. Bobbie also reported that Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., the basement is to be "cleaned out", in order to be able to have it insulated.

Other business: It was noted that we have a deep gratitude for Dick Tripp and his 28 years of service as our church's treasurer. Dick acknowledged the honoring of his service during the Charge Conference in December. He remarked that he felt being the treasurer was his gift to his church.

New treasurer begins 1-09. Computers are being set-up. Kevin and new treasurer, Bob Sutton, are working to accomplish this transition. Thanks again, Dick!

Sue Gawler offered thanks to B.J. and her team for a great job with the pledge campaign. She also shared that this year's pledges were up from last year's. She noted that pledges continue to come in, in a timely manner.

Trustee's Endowment: Question? Do we roll over the short term CD's? Answer: Yes. Barb Sheble to help set up funds. CD matures 2-22-09. Money put in CD? Ad Min Council will take action. Frank to put in endowment. Questions to redeem or roll over? Trustee signature.

Old Business: Remember each committee has a drawer for their use in rear office file cabinet.

Sunday Coffee Hour discussion: Remind members that a "bulletin board" is available in the kitchen to identify kitchen/food needs for Sunday Coffee Hour. It was suggested to have one person pick a month and enlist 4-5 persons to work one Sunday - make food, make sure snacks are available (cheese /crackers, juice, creamers, other foods to munch on) Also need folks who are available to shop for Sunday's needs.

Tony M. will make calls for coordinators for each month. Sharon will help if needed.

Nancy M. closed meeting with a prayer.

Next Ad Min Council meeting will be 3-18-09 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Hankermeyer