

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

February 18, 2009

Present: Tom Alton, Laurie Black, John Carter, Sue Dunseth, Chris Edwards, Mark Hendrickson, Rick Iverson, Larry Moore, Joe Moulden, Jim Olsen, Marilyn Olsen, Rheta Paisley, Kay Saunders, Russ Smith, Steve Smith.

Rev. Russ Smith opened the meeting with devotions. He explained the role of Administrative Council and the Teams. Administrative Council acts as an overseer. The goal of Administrative Council is to ask Team leaders how they are staying on track and keeping true to the vision of the church. When teams meet a summary of each meeting should be sent to the church office. Before the next Administrative Council meets, a synopsis of the minutes of the team meetings should be sent to each Administrative Council member. The Administrative Council meeting is not a time for announcements of team activities. This information should be sent prior to the meeting.

Because this is the first meeting of the year, each member of Administrative Council introduced himself or herself.

Jim Olsen arrived to lead the meeting.

- Welcomed members and announced that no written agenda was available.
- Stated that minutes to team meetings (except sensitive matters) should be available on the church web site.
- Highlights of the Administrative Council meeting (4-6 bullet points) should be available for the church web site.

The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as posted and e-mailed.

Team Reports:

MAAP team – reported by Rick Iverson

- Going very well. Approximately 160 participants in the Bible study discernment groups.

UMM – reported by John Carter

- 40 attended UMM Sweetheart Breakfast. Would like to add more events, maybe mission projects, etc.
- Announced “Iron Sharpens Iron” conference in Springfield

Christian Education- reported by Chris Edwards

- Working on goals for team and Vacation Bible School.

Youth Programming

- The Administrative council was presented a written proposal from Scott Edwards that the Administrative Council request a grant from the Fellheimer Trust for the Senior High Youth Group mission trip to Mexico this summer. The amount requested is \$7000 to

cover expenses such as transportation, food, lodging, and Vacation Bible School supplies. Rick Iverson moved and Tom Alton seconded the request. Approved.

-The Sweetheart dinner was a success.

-Other activities planned are a video scavenger hunt and game night.

-Senior Breakfast will be May 3rd. The youth will lead the church services that Sunday.

Child Care Center – Reported by Russ Smith

-Running well and at full capacity.

Witness – Reported by Marilyn Olsen

-Working on a new church directory. Olin Mills will be taking pictures April 20-25

Social Concerns – Reported by Tom Alton

-The focus this year is on poverty. Information about a topic will be included in the newsletter and on the website each month.

Missions – Reported by Lori Black

-Planning a week of local missions this summer. Provide opportunities for all church members to participate. Are requesting mission work projects from various sources.

-Camping scholarships are available.

-Planning annual corn project.

Nurture – Reported by Steve Smith

-Getting another round of military care packages ready.

-Getting student exam week care packages ready.

-Planning picnics for 8 this summer.

Jim Olsen comments regarding communication

-We should note things that should be shared with the rest of the church. A form is being developed to disseminate information for the newsletter, Sunday morning power point, web site, bulletin, etc. The form would include what information is to be distributed, when it is to be shared, where the information is to appear, and how often the notice is to be posted.

-A booklet ABOUT each team should be available to each team. This booklet should include the duties, goals, etc of each team.

Trustees – Reported by Larry Moore

-Renegotiated the mortgage to 3.13%

-Working on south side of church drainage problem. Eric Moe has suggested a 12-inch drain east of the day care playground.

-The 5th and 6th grade classrooms have been upgraded.

-A mechanical survey of the church has been done. No report regarding this available yet.

Staff Parish – Reported by Rick Iverson

-Having annual individual discussions with staff members.

Finance – Reported by Joe Moulden

-Presented 2009 budget. Joe Moulden moved to accept. Rheta Paisley seconded.
Approved

-Explained how to “read” the monthly budget report.

Pastor’s report - Russ Smith

-Confirmation class starts this month. Concerned about available literature so writing much of his own material, focusing on basic Christianity –what it means to be a disciple, church history, information on other Christian denominations, and social concerns. Also using “Fired Up”, a 5 week United Methodist program.

Jim Olsen announced the next meeting would be after the MAAP team retreat and report.

Mark Hendrickson closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next Administrative Council meeting Wednesday, May 27,
7:00 pm in Lodge Parlor.**