

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
Church Council Minutes  
February 16, 2016

Our purpose is to make and sustain spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ who live in ways that transform the world.

Members present: Bryant Aldridge, Michael Amos, Leigh Anne Bassinger, Suzie Farabow, Laura Gibson, Susan Hedrick, Jim Holcomb, Scott Howell, Nancy McKenzie, Audrey Miller, Rita Meredith, Mark Morgan, Meredith Morgan, Dan Smoak, Carolyn Steed, Pete Thompson and Al Ward  
Staff present: Erin Beall, Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust, Jared Stine and Susan Sumpter

Pete Thompson called the meeting to order. The January 19, 2016 minutes were approved as written.

**Finance:** Scott reported that finances look good. We have a \$200,000.00 cash surplus at this time.

**Board of Trustees: Action:** Construct new (west) wall in the Columbarium to provide 340 new niches as outlined on previously approved design by Mercer Architecture, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$447,320 (including the establishment of a perpetual care fund) and to be constructed by Holbrook and Associates (other builders were invited to bid but none accepted). The Construction cost is to be funded by an internal loan from the “undesignated surplus” in the Restricted Account. The funds will be paid back over time from the proceeds of the sale of niches (niches will be offered at \$900.00 pre/during construction (up to 68 niches, max) and \$1,150.00 after construction.  
Action passed.

**Action:** Establish the Wesley Memorial Choral Scholars Endowed Fund. The Wesley memorial Choral Scholars Endowed Fund is a temporarily restricted fund established through the generous principal from Jane and James K. Marlowe and Ruby Stanford. Income from this fund may be used to support the Choral Scholars program at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. In the event that the Choral Scholar program is discontinued or otherwise ceases to exist at Wesley Memorial, income from this fund may be used to support the music ministries of the church. Each year, 80% of the income available for distribution may be used in support of the Choral Scholars program with 20% being reinvested into principal until the principal balance reaches \$700,000.00. In extraordinary circumstances, the Church Council by a 3/5 vote may authorize the Board of Trustees to use any part or all of the principal to fund the choral scholars program at Wesley Memorial.

**Action:** In order to fund the Choral Scholars (estimate to be \$26,500 for 2016)....  
\$8024.71 will come from the Stanford Income in the Voliva Fund,  
\$2579.27 will come from the remaining income in the Campbell Choral Scholars Fund,  
\$1625.00 will come from the Chapel Choral Scholars Fund,  
\$7218.04 will come from a gift from Mike and Susan Samuel,  
\$7052.98 will come from the principal in the Jane and James Marlowe Fund  
Action passed.

**Leadership Development and Nominations Team: Action:** The LDN Team presents the following nominations:  
Betty Jean Day- 2018 Traditional Music Team  
Ivey Orr-2017 Mission and Community Impact Team  
Brad Samuel- 2018 WMS Board  
Ryan Melino- 2016 WMS Board  
Action passed.

**Staff Parish Relations Team:** Al reported for Tom Smothers that an active search for a Director of Student Ministries is underway through Ministry Architects. SPRT believes that we can have a DSM in place by June but not later than September.

**Student Ministries:** Confirmation Sunday is April 10, with 23 confirmands scheduled. With the help of adult leadership in Student Ministries and ministry area directors, we are continuing to offer a strong program for our students.

**Children's Ministry:** Debbie reported that nine 5th grade students are scheduled to participate in the Human Sexuality class offered Saturday, February 18, 2016.

**Mission and Community Impact Team:**

**Action:** Motion to approve the following ministry grants:

Hinton Rural Life Center- \$3,000.00 For Wesley 100 to build handicap ramp and storage shed

Crop Walk-\$1,000.00

Stop Hunger Now- \$9,000.00

Our Father's Table-\$3,600.00

Special Sunday Offerings-\$700.00- insures that each of the 7 special offerings of the UMC receives at least \$100.00

Action passed.

**Wesley Memorial School Board:** Susan Sumpter and Susan Hedrick thanked Wesley Memorial for their continued support. Five open houses were recently held for prospective students and parents. WMS currently has five college interns and will soon add a sixth. WMS currently spends \$1,900.00 per month to provide scholarships for 16 children.

Scott encouraged Council members to attend Wesley Memorial's Visioning Weekend, February 26, 27 and 28. He asked that we especially listen to comments and concerns of those around us as we participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gibson  
Recording Secretary