

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Council January 21, 2014

Charge Conference members present: Bob Amos, Angela Frith Antrim, Suzie Farabow, Will Holbrook, Samantha Klemme, Harvey Lowd, George McLarty, Patty McLarty, Patricia Nash, Karen Odom, David Pruette, Tom Smothers, Al Ward, Jim Royal.

Staff members present: Debbie Foust, Kathy Barba Pierce, Jared Stine, Susan Sumpter

Council Chair Harvey Lowd called the meeting to order.

The minutes of December 17, 2013, were approved as written.

David Pruette, Chair of the Board of Trustees, noted that the Report of Endowment Income is now available, and the church's current endowment totals about \$8.4 million.

Finance Chair Karen Odom reported that the 2014 pledges are within \$2000 of the budget with a projected revenue overage of \$7409.44. There is also a fund balance from 2013 of about \$222,000.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending that \$14,000 of the excess fund balance be allocated to pay for the 2012 audit passed unanimously.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending 10% of the remaining balance, \$20,866.07, of the excess fund balance for 2013 be allocated to the Mission and Community Impact Team for mission initiatives passed unanimously.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending that \$31,670 of the excess fund balance be used to fund two new line items in the 2014 budget: an increase of 1% in the allocations of dollars for mission grants (\$16,760670) and \$15,000 for the Ministry Architects' consultation on Children's Ministry passed unanimously.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending that the remaining \$156,034125.63 of the excess Fund balance be held for grants submitted to the Church Council through an Administrative or Ministry team and approved by the Church Council passed unanimously.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending the approval of the 2014 Budget (see attached) passed unanimously.

A motion from the Finance Team recommending that Al Ward, Karen Odom, Curt Jacobs, and Cindy Dominik be the signatories on signature cards passed unanimously.

A motion to express appreciation for Executive Pastor Russ Pierce and the excellent job he did preparing the budget before his departure passed unanimously.

SPRT Chair Tom Smothers reported that Stuart Nunn is chairing the search team for the Director of Music Ministry. The team is reviewing resumes and the search is progressing. A search team is forming for the Business Manager position, the job description has been finalized and posted, and some resumes have already been received.

Another search team will be forming to search for a new Associate Pastor of Adult Spiritual Formation. A recommendation from SPRT recommending that the responsibilities for the development, planning, and coordinating of contemporary worship be included in the revised job description for the Associate Pastor of Adult Spiritual Formation passed unanimously.

Senior Pastor Al Ward presented the following persons to be reserve delegates to the 2014 session of the WNCC: George McLarty, Patty McLarty, Butch Farabow, Jane Harriss. This motion passed unanimously.

Pastor of Congregational Care Jared Stine reported that a Congregational Care team is forming.

The Christmas offering raised \$11,000 for Kenya missions opportunities.

Susan Sumpter reported that the Wesley Memorial School will be hosting a parenting conference on February 2nd. They are also working on obtaining more funding for the playground. Council Chair Harvey Lowd noted that the Trustees have requested that some of the excess money from the budget be directed toward the playground.

The Worship Team is considering hiring a consultant regarding Contemporary Worship.

Senior Pastor Al Ward noted concerns regarding a decline in worship and Sunday school attendance in 2013. The church membership is down by 3 due to deaths. The number of confirmands and adults joining the church by profession of faith has increased, though.

Council Chair Harvey Lowd reminded Council members of the Leadership Summit from 9am-12pm on January 25th.

Senior Pastor Al Ward closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Frith Antrim