

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Church Council July 14, 2014

Church Council members present: Mary Cullen Bills, Suzie Farabow, Angela Frith, Curt Jacobs, Gene Kester, Harvey Lowd, Mark Morgan, Meredith Morgan, Kathy Niebauer, Karen Odom, Jim Royal, Tom Smothers, Pete Thompson, Al Ward

Staff members present: Erin Beall, Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust, Scott Howell, Jared Stine

Senior Pastor Al Ward called the meeting the order and presided until Harvey Lowd could arrive. Jared Stine opened the meeting in prayer.

The minutes of May 20, 2014, were approved as written.

Karen Odom, Chair of Finance, reviewed the financials for May. The final statement for June will be presented to Church Council in August. Scott Howell, Director of Administration and Finance, presented a composite of the 2014 budget. Year to date revenues exceed expenses by \$36,530. Karen noted that the Finance Committee is going to look into using a payroll service.

Karen Odom also presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee that Church Council allocate a portion of the 2013 overage, not yet allocated, to cover the 2014 winter storm damage expenses and clean-up costs that exceeded the 2014 budgeted amount of \$2000. The total storm damage expenses and clean-up costs were \$14,890.50, so the amount requested is \$12,890.50, after subtracting the amount previously allocated in the current budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Smothers, Chair of SPRT, welcomed Scott Howell and Erin Beall to Church Council. Jay Butler has been hired as the Director of Student Ministries. He will begin at WMUMC on August 4th.

Senior Pastor Al Ward reported that WMUMC has received 21 new members year-to-date and removed 27 members from the roll. The number of visitors has reduced as compared to the past couple of years, and there are fewer people moving toward membership. For the first 28 weeks, worship attendance averages 471. If the "ice Sunday" with attendance of 150 is dropped, the year-to-date attendance averages 484.

Dr. Ward reviewed the "coaching" that is occurring with consultant Paul Nixon. Dr. Nixon will soon visit WMUMC to observe and to share his analysis of the data that he has gathered. The data includes: a report from MissionInsite and results from Readiness 360 email survey. The group will also conduct a ministry audit. The Church Council discussed several of the questions that comprise the audit addressing children's programming, missions, and welcoming visitors and new members.

Debbie Foust, Director of Children's Ministries, shared that WMUMC will be offering VBS at Ward Street the first week in August. Volunteers are needed for this.

Jared Stine closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Frith