

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
March 15, 2016

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

Members present: Bryant Aldridge, Michael Byles, Suzie Farabow, Laura Gibson, Susan Hedrick, Jim Holcomb, Scott Howell, Audrey Miller, Mark Morgan, Meredith Morgan, Nancy McKenzie, Dan Smoak, Tom Smothers, Carolyn Steed and Al Ward
Staff present: Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust, Jared Stine and Susan Sumpter

Pete Thompson called the meeting to order; Jared opened with prayer.

The February minutes were approved as electronically distributed.

Calendar items:

Palm Sunday at 6:00 pm: Unity in the Community: Worship at Mt. Zion Baptist with Joe Blankenship preaching. The offering will be directed toward purchasing water to send to the people of Flint, Michigan

Sunday, March 20: family Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday at 7:00: Ken Medema concert

Thursday at 7:00: Holy Thursday service in Sanctuary

Friday Good Friday at 7:00: Chancel Choir performing Requiem by Eleanor Daly in Sanctuary.

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday with services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00

Sunday, April 3: Healthcare Appreciation Sunday. Honoring and encouraging all active and retired physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, etc.

Sunday, April 10: Car wash for Wesley Youth/Church Camp fundraiser.

Sunday, April 10: Confirmation Sunday with 23 confirmands

Al encourages all of us to invite others and share in our Holy Week activities.

Finance: Scott reported that finances look good. He is looking into having bank fees reduced.

Mission and community Impact Team: Action Item; The MCIT recommends that approval of the following grants:

1. Mobile Meals for the Elderly \$2,500.00
2. Henderson Settlement Mission Team \$2,500.00
3. Ward Street youth Ministry \$1,200.00
4. Wheels-4-Hope \$4,500.00
5. Naaman's Recovery Ministry \$2,500.00

Action passed.

Staff Parish Relations Team: Tom and Al reported they are in beginning conversation with 4 possible candidates for the Director of Student Ministries. Mary Cullen Bills has agreed to help plan and conduct Church Camp this summer.

Board of Trustees: Bryant reported that Columbarium plans are moving forward. The project will begin in mid-May and will take at least six weeks to complete.

Strategic Plan: Scott reported on the success and highlights from Wesley Memorial's Visioning weekend. He provided a spreadsheet with data assimilated from the Aspiration Cards and asked council members to go through this data and look for trends. The council thanked Scott for a successful weekend.

Al reminded the council that this is Wesley Memorial's 160 anniversary and we should begin to think about a celebration!

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is during Market week. It was decided reschedule that meeting to April 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gibson
Recording secretary