

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church  
Church Council Minutes  
May 19, 2015

The purpose of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church 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, Mary Cullen Bills, Laura Gibson, Jim Gooding, Jim Holcomb, Scott Howell, Vicky Jarrett, Samantha Klemme, Harvey Lowd, Rita Meredith, Mark Morgan, Jim Royal, Dan Smoak, Tom Smothers, Carolyn Steed, Pete Thompson and Al Ward

Staff present: Erin Beall, Jay Butler, Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust, Jared Stine and Susan Sumpter

Pete Thompson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Dan Smoak gave the devotion and prayer. The minutes from the March 17 meeting were approved as read.

Al Ward reported the church is financially in good shape. He expressed his thankfulness for the wonderful staff at WMUMC. Worship attendance is down some from numbers last year. Al encouraged us to be in church when in town this summer and to encourage others to do the same. With 16 new confirmands and quite a few deaths, Membership is about the same as last year. Four worship services will remain in tact throughout the summer.

Through Dr. Jim Marlowe's bequest, \$200,000.00 will be allocated to support the choral scholars.

Congratulations to Harvey Lowd who was awarded an honorary doctorate of business administration at Lees- McRae College. Harvey was the speaker for Commencement and serves as the Chair of the Lees- McRae College Board of Trustees. Erin Beall will be ordained an Elder at Annual Conference on June 20. Jared Stine is continuing his studies toward ordination and Jay Butler is beginning the process for ordination.

**Finance:** Jim Gooding reported running 34% ahead on revenue and 32% on expenses.

Action: motion to approve the purchase of new tables and chairs for the Dining Hall. Project limit is \$65,000.00. Hope to be in use by Aug. 30. Motion passed.

**Leadership Development:** Action Item: Nomination of Chris Dudley to fill unexpired term on the Victoria Qubein Fund Committee for the Class of 2016; Molly Reeves to fill unexpired term on the Children and Family Ministry Team for the Class of 2016. Vote carried.

**Staff Parish Relations:** Tom Smothers reported there will be a staff appreciation event in the near future.

Immersion Internship: Wesley Memorial will host HPU rising senior Thomas Lyons from May 27- August 23. He will create a project that will benefit Wesley Memorial. This is possible through a \$1,500.00 grant by the Young Clergy Initiative of the Western North Carolina Conference. WMUMC will provide room and board through the summer and \$1,500.00 for the ministry project.

**Mission and community Impact Team:**

Action: Motion to approve ministry grants awarded since our last meeting:

\$4000 to Henderson Settlement Million (July 2015) for youth scholarships, travel and materials

\$2500 to High Point Jail Ministry for education and discipleship

\$2500 to mobile Meals of High Point for the purchase of meals

\$1000 to Lithuania Mission Trip with Mitchells Grove UMC for David Caudle

\$800 to Fellowship of Christian Athletes for bibles for the "huddle" at High Point Central High School

Motion passed.

The Community Garden Project at Macedonia and WMUMC, funded by the Asbury Fund, is underway. Special thanks to Bob Bass for his dedication and talents for this project.

**Worship:** Michael Amos reported that his team is excited and encouraged about ideas.

Anne Carroll reported there will be a Music Camp June 22-25 for Children in grades 2-5. The theme for camp is: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus". The Chancel choir will rehearse throughout the summer. Adult

handbells will rehearse the second Thursday of the month during the summer.

**Children and Family Ministries:** Carolyn Steed reported that the team hosted a wonderful appreciation brunch for all Sunday school teachers on May 17. Everest Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, July 20. Supplies are needed. This same program will be offered at Ward Street UMC in August.

**Congregational Care:** Jared and several members of WMUMC will be attending a three-day Reimagining Health symposium at Duke in July.

**Student Ministries:** Mary Cullen Bills reported that Spring Workshop was a success with 36 students and 12 adults attending. There will be a Senior High “Lock Out” on Friday, June 5, a middle/high school trip to Carowinds on July 24 and the Annual Church Camp will take place August 1-7.

**Wesley Memorial School:** Susan Sumpter reported that end of the year Program celebrations are taking place. Springfest netted \$2,500.00 in profits. “Fun in The Son” summer camp is planned and enrollment is good for all summer programs. WMS first children’s book has been printed. “Way Up High... Birdie?” was a collaboration of WMS children (Illustrators) and parent author, Ryan Melino. All proceeds will go to the playground gift account.

Laura Gibson  
Recording Secretary