

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
August 18, 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, Gene Kester, Samantha Klemme, Harvey Lowd, Jim Royal, Dan Smoak, Tom Smothers, Carolyn Steed and Al Ward

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

Harvey Lowd called the meeting to order. Erin opened with prayer. Minutes from the May 19 meeting were approved as read.

Al reported that attendance is down. Average Sunday attendance June-August has been 370. He advised that is important to encourage people to get back to church after vacation. Membership is down, mainly through so many deaths.

On Sunday, August 30, we will be saying “so long” to summer with Trucks, Bikes and Mics. It will be a time for everyone to get back together and connect with God and each other. 3:00 Stop Hunger Now packing meals for 20,000 in dining hall, 4:30 slow bike race, games and inflatables, 5:00 dinner at food trucks, 6:00 live music featuring “Roots Revival”.

Finance: finances look good... Revenue is slightly ahead of projected income. Action: Return of unused funds. Re-designate up to \$17,800.00 of unused Soul Café funds to another youth project. Soul Café will now be more of a worship space, especially for Sunday night. Funds remaining after renovation will go back to General Fund.

Nominations: Action: Nomination of Jim Holcomb as Lay Leader for Ministry, Mike Bruton as a member of Evangelism and Hospitality team (2016), Richard Wood as a member of the Missions and community Impact Team (2016). Vote carried.

Trustees: Bryant reported that the current columbarium is fully committed. Plans are underway to enlarge with 340 niches in the new phase.

Staff Parish Relations: Tom Smothers reported that his team is working on Clergy Assessments for 2015. He and Al thanked Thomas Lyons for his help this summer.

Worship: Michael Amos reported that his team of 17 looked at ways of reducing the number of services on Sunday morning. It was decided to keep four services, but move the time of the 8:45 contemporary service to 8:30. The team has consulted

with Church Interiors and is waiting for their recommendations for ways of enhancing our contemporary worship service venue.

Anne Carroll reported that 40 children attended a successful music camp in June. Over 100 attended the closing program.

Children and Family Ministries: Carolyn Steed reported that 150 children participated in Everest Vacation Bible School on Wesley Memorial's campus. Many children were non-members. 35-40 attended the same-themed bible school at Ward Street. Carolyn thanked the youth from Covenant Church youth for their help this summer.

Congregational Care: Gene Kester reported that WMUMC might participate in a collaborative 2-year effort with Duke University concerning theology, medicine and culture.

Evangelism: Jared reports that he will lead worship, which will be available to participants/families in the Furniture City Soccer tournament Sunday morning August 23.

Mission: Jim Holcomb reported that WMUMC has provided – \$2,500.00 for High Point Jail ministry, money for Crop Walk, helped Belk provide shoes and clothes for needy girls, Dave Caudle's mission trip with Mitchells Grove UMC, supplies for Bonnie Horney's Ward Street youth group.

Student Ministries: Mary Cullen reported August 30 will be the kick off for fall. Sunday MYF will feature more student led worship and music. 40 youth attended a successful church camp at a new venue, Christmount, in Black Mountain, NC.

UMM/Wesley 100: Dan Smoak reported that a team prepared/reworked the sand boxes on the playground for the upcoming Wesley Memorial School year. The first fall Wednesday night dinner will be September 9.

Wesley Memorial School: Budgeting process for the upcoming school year is underway. Beginning school with 160 students from infants- K5 and 28 teachers and staff. Our United Methodist Women are sponsoring a BBQ & Ice Cream Lunch event to benefit the Wesley Memorial School Scholarship Fund. Sundaes on Sunday will be Sunday, Sept 20, 2015 from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Laura Gibson
Recording Secretary