

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
December 15, 2015

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

Members present: Michael Amos, Mary Cullen Bills, Suzie Farabow, Laura Gibson, Jim Gooding, Jim Holcomb, Scott Howell, Gene Kester, Harvey Lowd, Rita Meredith, Mark Morgan, Jim Royal, Dan Smoak, Tom Smothers and Pete Thompson and Al Ward

Staff: Erin Beall, Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust and Susan Sumpter

Pete Thompson called the 5:30 meeting to order. Erin Beall opened with prayer.

Finance: Scott reported that everything looks good. Closing the year with a \$70,000.00 surplus. Earn. Save. Give. Stewardship campaign should close the year with 1.7-1.8 million.

Staff Parish: Tom Smothers reported that Jay Butler resigned as Director of Student Ministries effective November 30, 2015.

Action Item: The Staff Parish Relations Team recommends that Wesley Memorial engage the services of Ministry Architects to help facilitate the search for a new Director of Student Ministries providing that adequate funding sources are identified and approved.

Action passed.

Leadership Development and Nominations: Al presented the following:

Action Item: The LDN Team presents the following nominations for un-filled vacancies in the 2016 leadership:

Evangelism and Hospitality Team Chair: Leigh Anne Bassinger

Stewardship Team class of 2018: Gene Kester

Action passed.

Mission and Community Impact Team Report

Action Items: The MCI Team recommends approval of the following Mission Grants:

1. \$10,000 to Northern Piedmont District to help support the 2016 pastor's salary at Rankin Memorial/Ward Street Charge
2. \$3,000 in community assistance for the Salvation Army
3. \$2,500 for the Imagine No Malaria Campaign
4. \$500 to help sponsor the High Point MLK Celebration

With this action the \$81,000 appropriated in the 2015 budget for Mission Grants has been disbursed.

Action passed.

Mary Cullen Bills reported on the positive energy in the youth department. Student and parent leadership will join together for a January 7, 2016 planning meeting.

Al thanked Mary Cullen Bills and Kellie and Wes Hall for their leadership in the youth department.

Rita Meredith reported that The UMW Carolina Christmas Bazaar raised \$20,000.00. \$17,500.00 has been disbursed to food pantries, Wesley Memorial School and the pillow ministry.

Al closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gibson