

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
August 14, 2016

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

Members present: Bryant Aldridge, Leigh Anne Bassinger, Suzie Farabow, Laura Gibson, Susan Hedrick, Jim Holcomb, Scott Howell, Audrey Miller, Nancy McKenzie, Rita Meredith, Mark Morgan, Meredith Morgan, Jim Royal, Dan Smoak, Carolyn Steed, Pete Thompson and Al Ward
Staff present: Anne Carroll, Debbie Foust and Jared Stine, Erin Beall and Susan Sumpter

The Traditional Music Team reported to the Church Council that it is getting difficult to find college, university and even high school students to apply and qualify for positions as Wesley Memorial Choral Scholars. Many more churches are using students to fill key sections in their choirs, choir directors who also teach in college and university departments of music are recruiting the most qualified students for their choirs, and fewer students are able and/or willing to make the time commitment required for these positions. Anne Carroll reported that in the last year, she was unable to secure qualified bass and tenor voices from among students. In light of this situation, the Traditional Music Team moved that the name of the Wesley Memorial Choral Scholars Endowed Fund be changed to the Wesley Singers Endowed Fund and that only when qualified students (high school and college) are not available to fill the necessary positions, the Director of Music Ministries be permitted to hire non-students and pay these expenses from the Wesley Singers Endowed Fund. The motioned was approved.