Administrative Council - Sunday, September 20, 2026
MINUTES

Present: Kelly Tate, Angie Christenson, Connie Dallenbach, Deb Spanier, Terry Spanier, Doc VanGenderen, Kaye VanGenderen, Brad Rubel, Michelle Rubel, Pastor Jim Davis

Approve previous Minutes: Motion: Brad, 2nd: Connie

Trustees: Brad reported that there were no updates

Staff Parish: Michelle presented that SPRC had voted via email to continue with the salary for Pastor Jim as listed on Form I (signed back in April). Michelle made a motion for Ad council to approve this salary. 2nd: Doc - all approved

Missions: none

Worship: Connie Dallenbach reported that they will meet on 9/27 after church to go over Pastor Jim's survey results and other worship service topics.

Christian Education: Michelle Rubel reported that Sunday school began last week (9/13) with a "light-themed" kickoff. 3rd Grade Bibles will be presented on 10/18. Also that day, the youth (cherubs - 3rd) will sing in church that day.

Youth Group: Angie Christenson reported that she plans to start a younger youth group for ages 3rd grade - 6th grade. She plans to start on October 7th. Will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. 5:30 - 7 pm. Will begin each week with a meal & then followed by lesson and games. Connie Dallenbach has volunteered to help with the first meal and others when she is available. Angie may need help with some meals in the future. She plans to have all meetings at the Methodist Church. The youth group board will meet 9/30. Motion was made to allow Angie to use our church for youth group meetings. Motion: Doc, 2nd: Brad - all approved. Angie also reported that she plans to have the youth group host "Trunk-or-Treat" and Touch a Truck at the fire station on 10/31. Will serve water and hot dogs (same as in the past).

Memorials: no new memorials received

UMW: Kaye VanGenderen reported that the women have started this year and will meet again on 10/1 @ 6 pm & soup will be served. Amanda Martz will be the program for this meeting.

UMM: Brad Rubel reported that their next meeting is on October 3rd at 8 AM with Don Hertz in charge of breakfast and Monty Potter in charge of the lesson.

Endowment: As of 8/31: Siddall Ameriprise account: $242,990.70 and the checking account bank balance as of 8/24 was $499.79; however, $312.43 was paid recently from checking account to pay for the copyright music permit (so current amount in account is: $187.36).

Communications: We need to work on the Missions & Ministry Report for Charge Conference. Pastor Jim plans to look at it more closely and email out his thoughts on this.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Jim recently met with the Circuit group (pastors in the area - Graettinger, Emmetsburg, Algona etc). They discussed some joint ministry ideas, but it is difficult due to the distance between locations. Additional things discussed: possible pulpit exchange during lent and mission opportunities - helping neighboring churches with fundraisers and meals etc. . . .
- Pastor Jim's survey: He will put out a summary of the survey results so that we know what people are thinking.
- Bible Study - Pastor Jim plans to start 3 different Bible studies after the first of the year.
    - 1 in Varina
    - 2 in Laurens: 1 will pick a book and have discussions from the text, 2nd group will be picking a book of the Bible and study that way

Old Business: none
New Business: we need a recording secretary for Ad Council

Treasurer/Finance Report:

- Kelly reported that Kennedy found cheaper checks through Sam's Club and would like permission to order them. Motion: Kaye V, 2nd: Deb S - - all approved
- Finance meeting will be held in October

Adjourn: Motion: Doc, 2nd: Michelle

Michelle Rubel
Acting Secretary