

## **Administrative Council Minutes**

### **June 15, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Thaine Hopkins, Larry Perkins, Bill Mather, Amanda Gustafson, Connie Dallenbach, Kaye Van Genderen, Angie Christenson, Julie Potter, Linda Olson, Autumm Brazel and Doc Van Genderen (arrived late).

Thaine called the meeting to order and he opened with prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**Trustees:** Bill Mather reported that ServePro will be cleaning the carpets in fellowship hall, narthex and the hallways of the church on August 2, 2022. We need volunteers to help move tables. The cost is 45 cents per square foot with 5,000 square feet, the total comes to around \$2,250. Thaine inquired what funds would be used to pay for the carpet cleaning and reminded the council there is \$1,500 remaining in the building fund that could be used. Some discussion was held on funding.

Bill reported that he has not heard anything about the arrival of the garage door for the parsonage. The cost of the garage door will be around \$6,200. Thaine stated that funds for the garage door will be needed. Some discussion was held on funding.

Linda Olson reported that the praying hands in the south parking lot are rotting and recommended taking it down. Some discussion was held on how to take down the praying hands. No decision was made. Linda asked for permission to trim some of the low hanging branches which she can do herself.

**SPPRC:** Amanda Gustafson wanted to thank Jean Murray, Dan Keen and Melanie Hauser for filling the pulpits the last two Sundays.

**Worship:** Connie Dallenbach reported that there will be an ecumenical worship service here at the Laurens United Methodist Church during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days and we will be hosting a gospel quartet on that Sunday as well. There will be a free donation meal served following the concert. Brad Rubel and Kaye Van Genderen are in charge of the meal. Bill Mather inquired if funds from the Siddall Music Endowment Fund would be used for the quartet and Connie confirmed that those funds would be used for the quartet.

Connie also reminded everyone that we will be having a potluck this Sunday for Father's Day following the worship service and invited everyone to attend.

**Christian Education:** Angie Christenson read a report from Michelle Rubel stating that Vacation Bible School was recently held for 3 days and she wanted to thank the volunteers who organized and helped with VBS and also thank the parents for sharing their children with us. The report also read that there is no acolyte schedule for the summer and to ask that parents bring their children to church during the summer to acolyte and collect quarters.

**Laurens Area Youth Group:** Angie Christenson reported that there are 15 people going on the mission which will be held July 30-August 2. She is ordering T-shirts and stated that they will be attending The Ark for a "fun day" on the last day of the trip.

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Angie also reminded everyone that those participating in the mission trip are selling stock certificates so if anyone wants to purchase some to please see them. There will be a dinner and presentation held after they return from the trip. The date is to be determined.

Angie reported that the youth group will be fundraising by selling ice cream sundaes during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days on that Friday at Sportsman's Park.

**United Methodist Women:** Julie Potter reported Eve Circle was in charge of their last meeting and Mary Hanson, Amanda Gustafson's mother, presented a very informative and interesting program for the meeting.

Julie reported that the next UMW meeting will be held on September 1st at noon and Dorcas Circle will be in charge. She also stated that Dorcas Circle will not meet in the summer.

Autumm read a report from Jean Murray which stated the Special Events Committee was planning on having a Welcome Back for Pastor Deb on Sunday, July 17 in conjunction with the Sweet Harmony concert to be held that day. There will be a potluck lunch following the concert.

**United Methodist Men:** Julie Potter reported that the men had their churchyard clean up day following their last meeting. Connie Dallenbach and the Rubel family helped with the clean up day.

Bill Mather stated the men will be holding their Hamburger/Hot Dog meal during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days on that Saturday from 11 a.m.– 1 p.m.

**Endowment:** Doc Van Genderen stated that the Siddall Music Endowment Fund's last balance was \$190,000.

**Communications:** Autumm wanted to remind everyone that she and Pastor Deb will both be participating in the mission trip and that there will be no one in the office that week. She stated she had previously discussed with Thaine Hopkins about at the very least someone needs to collect the church mail as there will be incoming bills and donations. Linda Olson volunteered to collect the mail and Thaine volunteered to take care of the bills and donations.

Autumm reported that Rick and Kerrie Woodley are organizing a community movie for kids during the Laurens Summer Celebration Days on that Friday here at our church in fellowship hall. She reported that Kerrie had inquired about the church's policy on kids' ages and being chaperoned. Autumm had contacted Angie Christenson on what they used to do for community movies which used to be held at the school as our church does not have a policy in place for unchaperoned children for such events. Angie said that all kids 8 years and under had to be chaperoned by an adult. Everyone on Administrative Council agreed to adopt that policy for the event.

**Old Business:** Larry Perkins stated that he thought we needed another pictorial directory and felt it is important to have another one. Autumm stated that she has already contacted LifeTouch and they no longer do the pictorial directories. We would need to hire a professional photographer, etc. and that it would be quite an expense to the church. Angie, Linda, Amanda and Autumm all stated that with the upcoming expenses of the church that we can't afford to a pictorial directory right now. More discussion was held a pictorial directory.

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**New Business:** Autumm shared a picture and report from Pastor Deb of the magnetic signs for Pastor Deb's truck for when she is in the town's parade which read "Laurens United Methodist Church." Members of the council said they liked the design. Autumm read the report from Pastor Deb that stated that the signs are ordered and the price is \$75 plus tax. In the report from Pastor Deb, it also stated that Jean Murray said she would pay for the signs.

**Finance:** Thaine reported that he has made three out of the five last apportionment payments which are \$1,500 a month. Thaine stated that by his calculations based on giving that the month of July will be "touch and go". Thaine said that he will be writing a letter to our congregation and making an announcement in church that the church is in need of funds.

Julie Potter suggested that when we hold the Welcome Back for Pastor Deb on July 17 that we could do a silent pie auction fundraiser for the church. Discussion was held. Julie made a motion to hold a silent pie auction on July 17 during the potluck, seconded by Autumm. All ayes, carried the motion.

Linda Olson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amanda Gustafson.

Administrative Council Pro-Tem Secretary,  
Autumm Brazel