

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

November 15, 2023

PRESENT: Wendy Hopkins, Thaine Hopkins, Angie Christenson, Autumm Brazel, Michelle Rubel, Brad Rubel, Pastor Deb Parkison, Sharon Meier, Amanda Gustafson and Jean Murray.

Pastor Deb called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Brad made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Autumm.

The following reports were presented.

Trustees: Thaine Hopkins was wondering what the status was of the main floor women's restroom. It was decided to contact Laurens Plumbing to come and fix it. The thermostat in the Wesley Room also doesn't work like it should. We'll have Don take a look at that, too. 7 of the 14 spotlights at the front of the church are burned out and need to be replaced. The dumpster that the church has is starting to rust out, and Thaine contacted City Hall. The dumpster is ours to either fix or replace. Thaine had a card from a new insurance company, Church Mutual, to see if we can get a cheaper rate to insure the church. He gave the card to Brad to look into.

Staff Parish: Amanda Gustafson reported that they had a really good interview process, and had a couple of really qualified applicants. Sue Jarvis has been hired as the new church secretary. She will start training with Autumm on December 4. She will start out being paid \$19,000 and after her probationary period, she'll be paid \$19,500.

Christian Education: Michelle Rubel reported that the Life Line program is underway. The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on December 10 during the worship service. The Blessing of the Toys will also be held on that Sunday. There won't be Sunday School on December 24 or December 31 for the holiday. A total of \$444 was sent to Sleep in Heavenly Peace from the quarter donations.

United Methodist Women: Wendy Hopkins reported that the women are working on getting ready for the Bazaar, which will be held this Saturday, November 18.

Laurens Area Youth: Angie Christenson reported that 7 kids attended their kick off movie night. 2 kids attended their next meeting, and 5 kids attended their most recent meeting. She asked permission for the Youth to hold their Spuds and Sundaes fundraiser at the church on Feb. 21 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thaine made the motion to allow this, seconded by Michelle. They will have to-go orders available, as well as deliveries. They will be meeting at our church for the month of December.

United Methodist Men: Brad Rubel reported that their next meeting will be held on December 2, and they will assemble the goodie bags for the Sunday School Christmas program.

Communications: Autumm Brazel reported that a new anti virus program has been installed on all of the computers at the church.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Deb reported that she has been officiating a lot of funerals lately. Since December is going to be so busy, she and Sharon are planning to hold their Open House sometime in

January. She will be leading the Care Center service on Christmas Eve Day, beginning at 12:30 p.m. She mentioned possibly having an informal worship service on December 31 this year. Discussion was held, and it was decided to do this. She has been trying to get a couple of people visited, but has been busy with funerals lately.

Old Business: Wendy Hopkins mentioned that Rose Davis has finished her English classes, and would like to do another one. They are ordering 50 books for this class. Wendy asked permission to hold this class in our church again, and everyone felt that it's a good idea. Brad made the motion to allow the English classes to be held in our church again, seconded by Michelle.

Treasurer and Finance: Thaine Hopkins presented the October Operating Statement. The giving has been pretty good lately, but the expenses have gone up. Sunday is Stewardship Sunday, and Pastor Deb will speak about giving.

Autumm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle.

Administrative Council Secretary,

Jean Murray