ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (On Zoom + in person)
October 24, 2022

Members present: **Rev. Ruth Merriam, Dick Merriam, Dwight Cooper (chairperson), Patsy Tessier, Gene Anastasio, Judy Meserve, Kitty Cogley, Rusty Greenleaf, Kay Gregory, Connie Greenleaf,** and **Vicki Record**

The Secretary's report from September 26, 2022 was approved as written.

Ministry Reports:

Trustees: The organ repair man has been contacted and our organ will be repaired as their schedule allows. All three pianos in the church have been tuned. Marilyn Brown's estate has left $1,000 (unrestricted) to the church.

Lay Leader: Patsy stated she is enjoying other River Churches - meeting with others and sharing idea, etc.

Sunday School: No report

Staff Parish Relations Committee: No report. As a point of clarification, Gene stated it was he who suggested Sandy be offered a paid position as Assistant Music Minister. Sandy turned the offer down.

Stewardship & Finance: The 2023 proposed budget was presented and discussed. There was several changes made.

**** There was a motion made and seconded that the 2023 proposed budget be approved as amended. The motion was approved.**
**** There was a motion made and seconded that the salary and benefits recommendation for Pastor Ruth be accepted. This was approved.**

Worship Committee: The committee has met and Pastor Ruth has all services planned out through 1/15/23. The ushers are set through the end of the year. There was a suggestion made that a microphone be used when members of the parish speak during prayer time. On 11/6 there will be a concert to benefit people of the Florida affected by the recent hurricane. Refreshments will be served.

UM Women: There will be a meeting 11/2. There will be a mini Christmas Fair to be held 12/4 after worship. There will be crafts, food, and cookies offered.

UM Men: No report.

Caring Team: The next meeting will be held 11/1 at 11am.

Community Suppers: The Highlanders will host the dinner for November, they will serve chili. The churches are feeding approximately 25 people now.

Pastor's Report: The new District Superintendent was installed 10/23. Everyone is hopeful about her 'reign'. This past Sunday Michael Record gave an excellent presentation on his El Camino walk. There was a Lay Leadership training held at the church with 5 attendees. Ruth stated that Bible study has one person attending from Cox Memorial Church. Not many folks from other churches are attending events. Lastly, on 11/19 there will be a program concerning Ukraine. A couple living in Wayne have sponsored a couple formerly of Ukraine. They will host a 1 hour Q&A.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports: There is a current balance of approximately $15,594 in the checking account. The Memorial Fund currently has $14, 535.

Benevolence: There is $738.52 in the Benevolence Fund.

Old Business:

1. **Sunday School and Youth Participation**: Nothing new to report.
2. **Credit Card:** To be discussed at the next Stewardship and Finance meeting.
3. **Church Steeple:** Verizon has approached the church again concerning the use of the steeple as a cell tower. They would need to add a generator in the upper parking lot. This would bring income to the church if all goes through – no numbers were discussed.

New Business:

1. **Changing time of meeting:** There was a discussion concerning changing the time of the meeting from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. There were several conflicts with members so the subject was tabled for now.
2. **Education wing:** Rusty received a call from a woman who is interested in renting the church education wing. She intends to use it for early intervention and child development. Her school runs Monday – Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. The program is certified and has insurance. The name of the program is Ignite Child Development Services. A committee was formed (Gene, Patsy, Ruth, Vicki and Rusty) to meet with her and ask questions.
3. Rusty stated the church sign has been changed to increase the size of the lettering for the hours of worship.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for November 28th at 6:30pm