

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (On Zoom + in person)

May 31, 2022

Members present: **Rev. Ruth Merriam, Dick Merriam, Dwight Cooper (chairperson), Kitty Cogley, Rusty Greenleaf, Kay Gregory, Earl McCormick, Pat McKee, Wendy Vigue, and Vicki Record**

Joys and concerns were shared. Pastor Ruth gave an opening prayer.

The Secretary's report from April 25, 2022 was approved as written.

Ministry Reports:

Trustees: There were several issues brought forth: The sign which we had discussed needed turning needs to be replaced. Rusty had an estimate of \$950.00 for a replacement sign.

**** A motion was made to approve \$950 of Memorial funds to replace the sign in front of the church.** This motion was seconded and approved.

The area of the front lawn where the scrubs were taken out will be seeded by Gary Ladner. Ideas are needed for that space.

The Trustees brought forward question regarding the electronic files being stored on the church web site. Who would administer? What about cloud storage?, Should an update be made to The Financial Policy to reflect any changes? In response: it is possible, since this would be a private cloud, to set it up with individual access for persons or committees. There is 20 gig of space available so that would be plenty for our use. It was suggested that committees discuss this and how they would like their file structure to look.

Lay Leader: No report.

Sunday School: There will be a play featuring children done during the June 5th Pentecost worship.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Ruth will continue to be Pastor at HAUMC another year.

Stewardship & Finance: No meeting in May. The May Basket fundraiser earned \$987. Thanks to all who contributed.

Worship Committee: All services are planned out. Volunteering to do the Offering will now be done for two weeks at a time rather than monthly.

UM Women: Their next meeting is scheduled for September 14th.

UM Men: No report.

Caring Team: The committee has been visiting members in nursing homes. This week, Sandy and Heather will visit and sing at Gray Birth and then Captain Lewis next week. The Mission for June will be "New Mainers."

Pastor's Report: Dick will be going to Randolph UMC to discuss their sound system. This Sunday is Pentecost and the play "How Mr. Lurch Stole the Church" will be presented by the children. Also for Sunday red stoles will be available to wear. There will be a memorial service for Dottie Clary on 6/11 at 11:00am. The Pastor will be on vacation from June 9 to June 15. Anne Carter will be filling in Sunday 6/12. In August: a sermon will be done at the congregation's choice, there probably will be an episode of cross preaching where our congregation will gather at Randolph UMC and vice versa. And also one Sunday, Ralph will choose all the music.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports: There is a current balance of \$27,034.40 in the checking account. The Memorial Fund currently has \$16,753.25. There has been \$850 donated to Chrysalis Place so far for the May Mission.

Benevolence: No report

Old Business:

1. **Sunday School and Youth Participation:** Pastor Ruth has enjoyed working with the children, unfortunately, they are not all members of HAUMC.
2. **Plans for a Homecoming Sunday:** This was discussed at Worship Committee. There was a suggestion of 'Summer Sunday' perhaps at 4-5pm we would gather together. Kevin Lee would like to "interview" people so we could all get to know them better. Another suggestion was to have people speak about their interest or hobby. Would people be interested? Maybe.

New Business:

1. The exercise group, The Sole Sister, who use Fellowship Hall have lost their instructor and are looking for a new one. In the meantime, they've asked if the church could continue to store some of their equipment. They are considering purchasing a big screen TV (with funds from the Memorial Fund donated for their loved ones) for stream exercise classes. The TV could also be used by the church. This exercise group has been meeting for 9 years with about 12-15 people participating. It was agreed that they could continue to store equipment at the church. Kitty agreed to get the donated memorial fund totals collected for Ginny and Arthur.
2. **Community Supper 6/5:** This committee is responsible for the meal which will consist of sandwiches, chips, fruit cup, and cookies. Please meet at the church at 4:00pm to help.
3. **Summer Office Hours:** Through June they will remain as is, and in July they will change to Wednesdays 8-10am at HAUMC and 10-12pm at Randolph UMC.
4. **Summer Worship Directory in KJ:** Discussion on whether we would like to put an ad in the KJ regarding the church worship hours.

**** A motion was made and approved that we place in ad in the KJ for \$30.** Ruth will double check the cost and how often the ad will run.

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for August

ADDENDUM: On June 16 an email was sent to members of the Administrative Council. A motion was made to approve a gift of \$100 be sent to the Reverend Dr. Karen Munson in honor of her retirement.

This motion was approved - the vote was 9 approvals and 5 no responses.