

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 18, 2009**

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At 7:00 pm Bill McKinney, Administrative Council Chair called to order the Administrative Council of 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Lexington, Kentucky with prayer.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bill McKinney shared a brief devotional from a book by Dr. Dennis Kinlaw based on Philippians 4:13-20: "I can do all things from Him who strengthens me." In the devotional written by Dr. Kinlaw, he described a church that had a very large attendance by young college age people. Dr. Kinlaw said it was no surprise the church was so blessed the mission giving of the church was 51% of its budget. Bill asked the Administrative Council; could 1<sup>st</sup> UMC be so challenged?

**CENTERING TIME**

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the assembled. A Motion was received and seconded to approve the Minutes as presented.  
**Motion approved.**

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Finance

- Wayne Oates, Chair reported the giving has been down this quarter but beginning to pick up. However, expenses are being kept to a minimum. \$100,000 has been paid on the High and Broadway property.

**MINISTRY UPDATES & DECISIONS**

There is currently 2.4 million in Generations and that giving has slowed down, as expected, due to the economy. The Finance Team is moving part of the Generations money from Chase Bank to Peoples Bank in order to spread things around a bit.

Bill McKinney reported to the Council a donor to the Generation Campaign recently sent him a letter requesting the return of the funds they had paid to the Campaign. Wayne Oates advised the Finance Team discussed the matter with Bishop Davis and under the Bishop's advisement the Finance Team recommends:

- That, since these funds were donated to First United Methodist Church with no specific limitations or stipulations, and since these funds have been spent consistent with the stated objectives of the Generations campaign, and all such spending has been approved by the Administrative Council, the request for refund of these funds be ~~rejected~~ declined.

A motion was made and seconded to change the word “rejected” to “declined.” **Motion approved.** Recommendation passed by a show of hands unanimously.

Staff Parish

- Craig Olive, Chair reported Staff Parish has been working on job descriptions as well as a mini review. The process has been very positive for both staff and the Staff Parish Team. One positive outcome has been that now each Staff Parish person tracks a Church employee. This provides the employee with a specific “go-to” person on the Staff Parish Team. Craig advised the Council that Linda Svec is leaving her position and a Farewell Reception is planned in her honor for next Sunday. Jim Nally has accepted the position of Youth Coordinator. Choir Director search is moving along chaired by Susan Arnold. The task force currently has 15 applicants they would like to narrow the list to two or three.

On June 12 there will be a Love Offering collected for Todd and Susan Nelson for the purpose of sending them on the Holy Land Trip with the Bishop, December 1-10, 2009. The goal is to collect \$6,000 to cover the cost for both of them to go.

Trustees

- Gary Koch, Chair reported the Upper Street property has been re-zoned to B2B with a Historic overlay. A sycamore tree has been removed from Rokeby area and the Trustees are currently taking bids from three nurseries for some landscaping near the parking lot. The restroom on the first floor of Rokeby is in the process of being made handicap accessible. The Andover roof is in need of repair and the Trustees are now getting three estimates for next year budgets. Smaller projects are also being worked on as well.

Worship & Grow Forum

- Marsh Berry reported a Worship & Grow Forum was held in April. One of the outcome goals set by the Forum was to increase the Sunday School attendance by an energetic goal of 80%. The Forum plans a launch date of August 9 and will culminate on September 13. Leah Boggs, Chair of the Invite Team reported the team has worked on the signage and she wanted to give special thanks to Kevin Hale for his hard work on the project. Leah encouraged everyone to go to the front of the church and look at the outside “Welcome” banners. The Invite Team has also worked on some information for the college campuses to better share our faith and be a friend.

Foundation

- Foster Ockerman, Jr., Chair reported the Foundation has \$684,682 presently across eleven different funds. Foster said he was somewhat relieved that during the recent economic down turn the funds have only lost about 8.3%.

Finance

- Wayne Oates Finance Chair, said Finance Team would like to extend the Generations Campaign one more year until 2011. This thought is not being presented as a formal motion at this time but just for discussion. After some discussion by the Administrative Council, a motion was made for the Generations Campaign to be extended into 2011. Motion seconded, **motion approved.**

**OTHER REPORTS**

### Offerings & Missions Report

- Teddy Ray reported Offerings has six engaged couples, and six children under the age of one. Offerings also had 40 people for Easter lunch. Teddy was also pleased to report that \$191,000 was the total from the Faith Promise Sunday.
- Bill McKinney recognized the urban mission of John and Kathryn Heinz and brought a copy of *Unfinished*, the magazine of The Mission Society, featuring an article on this downtown ministry and encouraged those present to support this mission.

### Andover Report

- Rev. Todd Nelson, Andover Pastor reported the following:
  - 279 Easter attendance
  - 155 Worship average
  - \$7,000 Giving one Sunday
  - 2 Baptisms

Andover is beginning to have the need to create more space – more space for parking, Sunday School, bathrooms and Worship.

### Pastor's Report

Rev. Paul Brunstetter, Sr. Pastor referred to Isaiah 43 – The joy that is happening in our services is so evident we just do not know how we impact the people who sit next to us in the pew. Paul is very much encouraged.

### Dates to Remember

- LOGOS – We need something more on Wednesday night for children and youth. Exploring on May 31, 5 to 7 pm the LOGOS Program
- Vacation Bible School 6/7-6/11 – not 7/11
- Methodist Men on May 30 at Andover 8:00 am – Breakfast will be served
- 6/1 5 pm Clean up at the Church
- 9/12 Silent Auction at the Methodist Home

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm with prayer by Todd Nelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Miller  
Recording Secretary

**MINISTRY UPDATES AND  
DECISIONS continued...**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**ADJOURNMENT**