

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
February 20, 2006

The Administrative Council met on Monday, February 20 with 23 members present. Bill Pipkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Gene Hendricks presented a devotional following the opening prayer by Rev. Fowler.

Bill Pipkins presented the name of Lisa Maggiore and John Doll as ex-officio members of the Council. Members approved them as new members.

Tom Oakley spoke concerning Trash & Treasures. Over the 8/9 years of the fundraising program, he estimates that about \$175,000 were raised. He and Sheila Brady have been heading this effort since its transference to the current location and the more frequent sale days necessitated by inventory buildup in a smaller space. Tom and Sheila would like to see the program continue but would like to step back to a trainer/advisory capacity so that more people in the church can become involved in the week to week/sale preparation process. The motion was made by Bill Armfield and seconded by Bill Pipkins that a Trash & Treasures Committee be formed and that John Fowler and the Nominating Committee obtain new persons to serve in this capacity.

Reports were given about the small group work on the Administrative Council Retreat goals:

- Jane Morrow reported on the Crown Financial group training for which there is needed participation from a good sized group of people.
- John Fowler and Charles Woodie reported that meetings have been held to determine the need for more in-depth homeless ministry in addition to what is already going on. These efforts need to involve more churches in the community and we need to determine the commitment level of First United Methodist Church of Lenoir.
- Ken Moore and Jane Cummings gave a Power Point presentation for The Issues Group on the idea of dividing the congregation into CARE (**C**hrist **A**s Our **R**eal **E**xample) Groups with two leaders to contact those in the groups to determine needs and report back to the church staff. They will report to the March 20 Administrative Council meeting concerning the Staff Action Plan with a target starting date of May 1. Phyllis Munday asked for a motion of approval. This received a second and approval by the Council. Details of the proposal were distributed in a handout.

Gene Hendricks gave a financial update. He also had positive news about the Faith Life attendance, which has exceeded 100 diners for the last few weeks.

Wayne Haigler presented a report on the Capital Campaign.

Ken Moore and Bill Sale reported for the Trustees. The new security system is in place and will be activated March 1. New locks have been installed on all outside doors. Rules for use have been distributed to church attendees. Some people will need keys, in addition to use of the key pads, especially for entry into the CLC.

Becky Crawford gave a report for the Staff Parish Relations Committee which met February 9 for overview and training for new members. Committee/staff assignments were made and meeting will be held on an as need basis.

Barbara Love reported for the Worship Committee that 1st Sunday Fellowship would be discontinued.

Keith Smith reported that a Taize Service would be held on Sunday evening, March 26. He is also planning a Lenten play to be presented on Maundy Thursday and a special Ash Wednesday service.

Sara Mursch reported for the Missions Committee which met on February 16. They are hoping to begin Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) for Major Disaster occurrence since our church is designated as an emergency shelter. Persons receiving this training will be used when emergency personnel are not available. Sara moved that we do the CERT training for staff and Trustees. Seconded and passed. She also reported that a Work Team to Western NC is scheduled for a week of flood damage restoration work. The team will leave on Sunday afternoon March 26.

Jeff Joyce gave the Evangelism report about the Shrove Tuesday Breakfast on February 28 with breakfast being served at 7:45 a.m. An inspirational message will be given by Aaron Horn.

Jane Cummings reported for the Membership Committee that the Salt Shakers would begin again on March 25 with groups of 8 persons each.

Bob Lisk reported for the Young At Heart group. Attendance has been good and they are planning a trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Buddy Anderson reported that a Sunday School teachers meeting will be held in March.

Sandra Lisk reported on the United Methodist Women's Day service on March 5 with Margaret McCleskey as our guest speaker.

Glenn Owens reported for United Methodist Men.

Bill Armfield reported for the Scout program. Open House was well attended and the Blue and Gold Banquet will be held here in our CLC on February 27.

The meeting was adjourned about 8 p.m. with John Fowler closing with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marietta Smith & Sara Mursch, Secretaries