

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
Monday, February 18, 2008

The Administrative Council met on Monday, February 18, 2008 in the Meeting Room at 6 p.m. Bill Pipkins, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Barbara Weiller gave the devotion. The minutes were approved as presented.

David Manifold, Finance Chairperson, reviewed the financial report. David asked us to review this budget every month to see how various categories were doing according to their funding. We owe \$1,350,000 on our capital campaign loan. The projected loan interest payments for the year are \$120,000. The Finance Committee is going to see if we can get a fixed mortgage loan at a lesser rate of interest. Finance meetings are scheduled for the week before each Council meeting.

John Fowler asked the Council for the right to send Lane Bailey, City Manager a letter of thanks. Ken Moore thought it most appropriate to send such a letter. Ken said he had sent a letter of thanks to the News Topic. Phyllis Munday made a motion to send the letter; the motion was seconded and passed. Bill Sale asked if we could also send a copy to the Fire Chief and Zoning Manager Chuck Beatty.

Debbie Mason, Care Ministry Coordinator, said that the Care Leaders met last Sunday. We want to have our members informed of the purpose of the Care Ministry. Debbie said new members and frequent visitors will be added to groups as they come to our church. The leaders will meet again in May for training.

John reported on the First Light Team. Their goal is to plan worship for the First Light Service. Aaron is working to get all technical/sound equipment in place. This team will meet every month.

John reported that the staff is working on the plan for *The Five Practices Of A Fruitful Congregation*.

Aaron said the youth will be going skiing soon. About 16 people went to Summit and 17 have signed up for skiing. He said that the number of youth who are attending our youth program has been growing slowly but steadily. The youth split firewood last week for people in need. They are using the new bus and enjoying it.

Marietta said there are sufficient funds in The Christian Service Fund. The Zion United Church Of Christ collected money for our Room In The Inn. The Prayer Room is being worked on. Confirmation Classes are going well and Confirmation Sunday has been set for Sunday, April 27.

Melanie Anderson said the Valentine Whing Ding was great and well attended. An Easter Egg Hunt is being planned for Wednesday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Sara Mursch, Missions Chairperson, said that the committee will be helping with meals for a Habitat group who will be coming to building two houses. The Shelter Home will be the focus for March.

Sandra Lisk reported that the YAH met today. In March the group will meet with First Baptist Church Encores. The United Methodist Women are collecting items for Bethlehem Center in Winston Salem. On Palm Sunday the UMW will have a fundraiser lunch. UMW Sunday will be on March 9th. The circles are meeting and trying to encourage women of our church to join.

Ken Moore, Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson, reported that the SPR Committee has met recently. They have divided into sub-committees to help with the staff. They are also going to do things to recognize our staff.

Pat Hatfield thanked Aaron for the DVD Blue Fish that was shown at the First Light Service. Jerry said that they have sent in their registration for the Annual Conference. He and Pat attended the meeting with our Bishop recently.

Sandra Lisk reported that the Worship Committee has met and will meet often. She asked if anyone had any suggestions. She reminded us about the Flower Calendar.

There will be a Maundy Thursday play and the cantata will be on Palm Sunday, March 16. There will be lots of music and drama in the near future.

The Men's Bible Study will have a retreat soon (catfish trip).

John said that a new Sunday School class has been started.

The 5th Sunday joint Sunday School class will be held on March 30th.

John encouraged us to invite people to church. He said that the First Responders has been working to help inform visitors and potential members about our church.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Weiller, Secretary