

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
September 18, 2007

The Administrative Council met on Monday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Bill Pipkins called the meeting to order. Barbara Weiller gave the devotional. The minutes were approved as presented.

Gene Hendricks gave the treasurer's report for the eight months ended August 31, 2007. Gene said that with the way that the receipts are coming in he felt that we could end the year with a small overage. He said that the bus fund received thus far \$37,000 and we need \$22,000 to finish paying this debt off. The \$22,000 was paid out of the general fund so we need to repay this.

Walt Fucito, Finance Chairperson, handed out the projected budget for the coming year. He said that the budget will be \$514,589.17. Bob Lisk said that we should accept the proposed budget as presented and if needed we could go back to it before the Charge Conference. The motion passed.

Bill Sale made a motion to pay \$100,000 on the building debt. The motion passed.

John said that Charge Conference will be Sunday, October 7 at 4:30 p.m. at First Church, Granite Falls.

Keith Smith reported that the organ has been fixed at no cost because it was still under warranty.

Keith reported on the Missions and Outreach Focus Group. (see attachment)

Bill Pipkins encouraged everyone to come to the dedication of the CLC on Sunday, September 23.

Bill Ellis reported on the First Light Service. He said that they had done a survey on the feelings of the congregation concerning the First Light Service. He said that they had reviewed this survey and have received a good response from this. He said that they have held several meetings already and plan to meet several times in the future. Bill said that they are doing extensive brainstorming on the set up of our "contemporary service." (see attachment) Bill said that they were trying to think of ways to bring in the 20-35 year olds into our church worship services and activities.

Bill said that they have 10 men attending the Bible study and there are 35 women attending the Beth Moore Bible study. The women's group is also planning on establishing a night Bible study.

Bill also reported that the letters have gone out for the stewardship campaign. They are looking at having a "Thank You" dinner on Wednesday, October 17.

Bill Armfield asked if we could pass out the brochure to our visitors along with the flowers. He thought that this would give valuable information.

Kent Riddle reported on the Facility Focus Group. He said that they have met and were exploring all good uses of our facility. He asked the Council to make any suggestions that they come up with. He said that we want to work with the college with their GED program or other programs.

Kent reported that the Trustees have gotten the washer/dryer installed. He thanked Bill Sale for coming to the church all the time to check on things here.

John again encouraged everyone to attend the dedication of the CLC and also the Charge Conference in October.

Marietta said that the Prayer Room is coming along well. There will be cushions made for the pews and for the kneeling bench that Ron VanOsdol made.

Aaron said that the youth really appreciate the bus. He said that it makes it easier to have a safe sanctuary with 2 adults in each youth group. He said that Buddy Anderson will have a group come to talk to the youth from the Hudson Prison. He also asked if anyone had anything that they wanted to share with the youth to let him know.

Marietta said that the Helping Hands Clinic will use the CLC October 11 and Home Health Board is going to use it on November 1.

Keith said that Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians may use our CLC in January. A motion was made to use our facility. The motion passed.

Barbara said that the arthritis walk will be held in Morganton and asked for anyone interested to let her know. First Place will continue – this is a Bible study and weight loss group.

Vale Biddix thanked the Finance Committee for supporting the PPR budget for our church staff.

Pat Hatfield thanked the Finance Committee for approving the small supplement for the people who attend the Annual Conference.

Marisue Haigler reported for Sara Mursch. Melanie has furnished a needs list for Room In The Inn and Sara will make posters and a Faith Link announcement about it. More work has been completed on Elsie's house – carpet installation and pouring of the concrete front drive. Littlejohn UMW group gave Elsie a “generous pounding.” Marisue, Sara, Bill Sale and Jerry Hatfield have attended the Catawba Valley of the American Red Cross Orientation/Fulfilling Our Mission Course and Marisue, Bill and Sara plan to attend the Mass Care/Shelter Operations course. Kenneth Teague has offered to provide a 3 hour update for CERT training in October.

BBQ Blast Fundraiser: Saturday, October 13 – CLC. Money raised will go to “Nothing But Nets.”

Bill Armfield said that he is trying to work out a date to use the CLC for the Scouts. A Court of Honor will be held September 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the CLC. The Scouts will hold a lunch fundraiser on November 4. February 3, 2008 will be Scout Sunday. In July 2008 the Scouts will use the church bus to go to Maine.

Holly Cole, Education Chairperson, said they have placed baskets around the church for literature collection to be sent to other places.

Bob Lisk reported that 42 people attended the YAH today, and in October they will go to Shatley Springs.

John Fowler closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Weiller, Secretary