

Minutes of Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council Meeting

January 11, 2016

The Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council met on Monday at January 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Mason, Chairperson, opened the meeting with a prayer. She welcomed all the new Administrative Council members and the confirmands that were attending. Jennifer explained why we light a candle (presence of the Holy Spirit), pass around a cross (pray for the topic of discussion), and how we reach decisions by consensus. She then read the ground rules and asked everyone to join in reading the HEART principles. Jennifer then read our mission statement. Everyone introduced themselves to the group. Howard White spoke to the At-Large members and explained that they represent the congregation to balance out the committee chairpersons and staff members.

The minutes from the October 12, 2015 meeting were approved as printed/emailed.

Due to the absence of Ben Armistead, Sara Bankhead gave a brief financial report. We took in more than anticipated during 2015. There was some overspending on line items in the budget but total expenses were under budget for the year. (See page 3 of budget report.) Sara then presented the budget for 2016. The total is \$763,293.00. There was a question about the overage from last year. Will it be put toward the building fund debt? The finance committee will discuss this. Stewart MacDougall, Trustee Chairperson, stated that the building maintenance budget increase is due to a few big projects that need to be done. The budget was approved.

Committee Reports:

Nathan Carr, Director of Youth Ministries, reported that they had a great Christmas season. Confirmation will be coming up. There is a ski trip planned in February and a youth retreat after that. Funds raised on "Souper Bowl" Sunday will go to youth accounts for church trips.

Bob Ingram, Scouting Representative, reported that the Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops have been rechartered for 2016.

Roseanna Harbuck, Children's Ministry Coordinator, reported that the children had great Christmas parties. Now they are beginning to make plans for summer activities.

Steven Childers, Youth Ministry Leadership Team Chair, reported that they were busy making plans for the new year.

Karen Hartin reported that she had been elected President of the United Methodist Women and that she will be Lay Alternate to the annual conference.

Tom Myers, GO Team Chairperson, reported that they spent down all the money in their fund for 2015.

Stewart MacDougall, Trustee Chairperson, reported that last year there were several repairs and maintenance projects done that were costly. Some of the church members helped with the repairs to

keep cost down. He noted that Warren Mason has submitted plans for the new parking area to the city for approval. Option A was chosen.

Denise Rhinehart, Preschool Board Chairperson, reported that registration for church members will be on February 21. After that date it will be open to the public.

Pastor's Report: Howard stated that there will be no debt incurred on the new parking spaces until we agree upon it. We do owe Warren Mason for the drawings. The first step in the plan will be corrective measures and the second step will be to add additional parking spaces.

Wednesday night suppers will resume this week. Roseanna and her group will leave January 15 for Costa Rica and Howard will be going on study leave. Lynn Meadows-White will be preaching on Sunday. We will renew the Boy Scout charter in February.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Mike Slayton.

Valerie Paulk, Secretary