

## Minutes of Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council Meeting

March 14, 2016

The Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council met on Monday at March 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Mason, Chairperson, opened the meeting with a prayer. She welcomed all the confirmands and their mentors that were attending. Jennifer explained the purpose of the Ad Council, 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. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Jennifer. She then read the ground rules and asked everyone to join in reading the HEART principles and our mission statement.

The minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting were corrected and then approved as printed/emailed. The correction concerned the statement about mission funds being dispersed by the Go Team. They spent all the monies from 2014 and previous years not 2015.

Ben Armistead, Finance Committee Chairperson, reported that we collected \$106,030.82 in January and February, 2016 and \$99,587.30 was budgeted for this period. Our total expenses for this period were \$117,015.82. This is typical for the beginning of the calendar year. He then presented a proposed amendment to the budget. Items included youth and tweenager interns that were not part of the original budget, minister of Discipleship car reimbursement, and payroll taxes. Len Williams, Staff-Parrish Relations Committee Chairperson, explained the need for the interns. Other items pertained to the new copier, a mission conference that was not attended and apportionment adjustment. The amendments were approved by the Ad. Council.

### Committee Reports:

Mike Henry reported from the trustees that they have will accept closed bids for the new parking spaces and entrance to the parking lot. The bids should include their best price and best time for completion. There is a stipulation that the West parking lot will remain open at all times. The work will be done in two phases with the entrance work being done first. There is currently no progress being made on the septic tank issue. They are still trying to get information.

Nathan Carr, Director of Youth Ministries, reported that the youth had just returned from their confirmation retreat at Lake Junaluska. They are now gearing up for the summer programs. He thanked everyone for supporting the summer interns. The youth Wednesday night study is going along with Howard's study about Spiritual Disciplines during Lent on Wednesday nights.

Thelma Bunch, Happy Achers President, reported that they will be having a Pot Luck luncheon on March 17th. It will have a St. Patrick's Day theme.

Tom Myers, GO Team Chairperson, reported that this Friday there will be a workshop for all Acts 1:18 committee members. They will discuss GIC and how the mission teams can improve.

Roseanna Harbuck, Children's Ministry Coordinator, reported that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. They do need more eggs for the hunt. The Children's Choir will also be singing on Palm

Sunday. Plans for VBS are underway. There will be a camp for 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Epworth-By-the-Sea from June 20-24. She also thanked everyone for supporting an intern for the tweenagers. The intern will lead their programs and add consistency.

Pastor's Report: Howard stated that Holy Week will begin this Sunday with Palm Sunday. There will be a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service in the Chapel at 7:00 each night as well as a Sun-rise service on Easter morning. There will be no evening activities on Easter. The week after Easter, Howard and Lynn will be on a cruise to Porte Rica. June Watson died yesterday and her funeral will be tomorrow, Tuesday. Howard also wanted to thank everyone for supporting the hiring of the interns.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Howard White at 7:30.

Valerie Paulk, Secretary