

## Minutes of Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council Meeting

August 14, 2017

The Pierce Chapel UMC Administrative Council met on Monday August 14 at 7:00 pm. Jennifer Mason, Chair, lit a candle and opened the meeting with a prayer. She then read the Ground Rules, led those present in reading the HEART principles, and stated Our Mission. She stated that the next meeting was scheduled for Oct. 9. Howard White said that we will need to meet before that because there will be a Charge Conference on Oct. 8 and the Administrative Council needs to approve pastor salaries before that time. It was decided to meet on Sept 25 or Oct. 2 if the 25<sup>th</sup> was not available.

The minutes from our May 15, 2017 meeting were approved with one spelling correction (Laye) and a copy will be sent to Katie for filing.

### Committee Reports:

Robbie Jones, Finance Committee Chair, gave the financial report. We have collected \$53,000 more than this time last year. Our numbers look good. Building by Faith received \$18,000 from the Blanton Endowment but congregational giving is down. An outside audit was done and everything is good.

Nathan Carr, Director of Youth Ministries, reported that the new staff is doing a great job. He thanked everyone for their support of the youth led services this past Sunday.

Bob Ingram, Scouting Representative, reported that the Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops are doing well. There are some leadership changes for the new school year. They expect to run out of classroom spaces this fall after their recruiting is over.

Ed Arnold reported that there are six men going to Honduras to build and install water filters with Joel Aycock in late August.

Stephen Childers, Youth Ministry Leadership Team Chair, reported that the youth have been participating in volunteer work during the summer. They helped with VBS and Circles among others.

Karen Hartin reported that the United Methodist Women will have their annual district meeting on September 23 at M L Harris UMC.

Robbie Nicholas, Men for Christ President, reported that their next meeting will be September 18. Randy Fobertson will be the guest speaker.

DebbieKorytoski, Children's Ministry Council Chair, reported that they will meet next week. They are excited about a new curriculum that has been adopted for the fall. They have also chosen new names for Vertical View and KLIK. They will be Chapel Kids and Kids in Christ.

Sara Bankhead reported that Stewardship is beginning to work on a budget for next year.

Gary Robinette, Trustee Chairperson, reported that new mulch has been put on the playgrounds. It was mostly funded by the Preschool and the Boy Scouts helped spread it around.

Lynn Meadows-White, Small Group Ministry Team Chair, reported that there will be a new Community Group beginning soon.

Pastor's Report: Howard White reported that

- Lay Leadership team has not met yet but will be meeting this coming Sunday.
- He is tracking attendance at worship services. It is up over last year
- He is beginning a new sermon series – Sermons from the Mount
- Thanked everyone for their support of the youth band. They will perform again on September 24 when Donna is on vacation.
- There will be a Cluster Charge Conference on October 8 led by Dick Reese, Acting Superintendent.
- There will no longer be weekly Wednesday Night Suppers. In their place there will be: September 13, a youth fund raiser; in October a Fall Festival; in November a Thanksgiving meal; and in December the Children's Christmas Program. Small groups will be encouraged to meet on Wednesday evenings. Youth will continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 but there will be no supper.

Mike Slayton closed the meeting with a prayer.

Valerie Paulk, Secretary