

**OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 26, 2008**

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| <b>Attendees</b>       | Pastor Bill, Sherrie Cottrell, Steve Miller, Doug Meneely, Carolyn and Doug Meneely, Jill Woods-Naatz, Shirley and Jerry McDaniel, Bev Wilkes, JoAnne Gregorash, Mary Knoppel, Marshall Nystrom, John Machonis and Cathy Mottar  |
| <b>Opening</b>         | Meeting called to order by Sherrie at 7:15 p.m. with an opening prayer.  |
| <b>Devotions</b>       | Doug provided June's devotion (readings from Hebrews) and Bruce will provide the August devotion.  |
| <b>Administration</b>  | Introductions<br>Minutes of May meeting were approved. Carolyn motioned approval of the meeting notes as amended and Mary seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion.  |
| <b>Huddle</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calendar – Both July and August will be covered now in both the calendar and the news letter. Group provided updates to Jerry.</li> <li>• Natural Church Development – Pastor Bill reported a meeting was held a couple of weeks ago with another meeting coming up. Still determining what kinds of groups to form. More specifics to come next meeting.</li> <li>• Cell Tower – Pastor Bill provided an update on T-Mobile will provide future information.</li> <li>• ORUMC Security– No update.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sharing</b>         |  |
| <b>Pastor's Report</b> | <p>Bill reported that today he met with our district superintendent and discussed the need for small group ministry with some suggestions provided to Bill. They discussed a visioning process for the church based on our core values as a church.</p> <p>In addition, they discussed the Harvest 2020 conference program (about growing spirituality with new people - an outreach) was discussed as a new faith community. Central ministry at current church and another satellite ministry maybe bilingual. This would be similar to our 6:33 ministry. The purpose would be a way to grow our church. If the worship would be else where to bring the ministry to the community. There was discussion amongst the committee on the Harvest 2020. Bill made a motion to continue investigating the Harvest 2020 program. JoAnne seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion.</p> |

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| <p><b>Director of Discipleship Report</b></p> | <p>Carolyn reported:<br/>Evangelism and DOD are working on door hangers for VBS. They are also doing postcards to ages 4 – 12, previous attendees, Sunday school classes, and preschool.</p> <p>3 new members joined our church in June – Kathy Scott, Dennis and Mary Helen Harrison.</p> <p>New program beginning in August called Connect First, identifies people who have recently moved to the community within a 25 mile radius (Schaumburg/Streamwood/Hanover Park, etc...). We will contact them via a postcard which will cost less than \$50 a month. We will try this out for the next 6 months.</p> <p>A nominations meeting is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of the June. There is also an evangelism committee scheduled to focus on new member orientation, VBS, and Movie Memorabilia.</p>   |
| <p><b>Youth Director Report</b></p>           | <p>Marianne reported via email:<br/>We are taking a break from youth groups this summer, but 633 is still on--we hope to see some of you there.</p> <p>July 13 we will have a bowling event for the youth club, 4th-6th graders. It will be from 2-4pm</p> <p>July 19 we will be hosting a benefit concert here at ORUMC. Ember Days will be playing along with some other local youth bands. We will not charge for admission, but will be taking an offering with all proceeds benefitting To Write Love On Her Arms, a not for profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for those struggling with depression, addiction, cutting and suicide. We are very excited about this event and again, we hope to see some of you there!</p> <p>The Voices of Light will present the musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat this summer! Performances will be the weekend of August 7.</p> <p>Our next youth council meeting is August 13, 7pm. This is our annual planning meeting and all are welcome!</p> <p>ASP was Awesome – We had 58 participants.</p> |

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| <b>Committees</b>    |  |
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| <b>WTTF</b>          | <p>Steve Miller reported that there is a concern that we may be outgrowing our sound system. Since we are having some issues around multiple amplifiers and interference with the microphones. The committee should feel free to discuss this topic with Steve or Marshall. Doug made a motion to bring in a couple of suppliers to determine next steps. Jerry seconded the investigation. The committee approved. Marshall said that Marianne gets a “Gold Star” for reviewing and updating her part of the website.</p> <p><b><u>Action Item for ALL Committees:</u></b> There is a request that next meeting every committee should provide their status on review of their parts of the web site.</p> |
| <b>Finance</b>       | <p>John provided the update that there has been use of our church checking account by electronic funds transfers not authorized. It has been reported to the police and we have not lost any funds. The finance committee will follow up and has asked Trustees to provide a locked cabinet.</p> <p>The finance report – giving is down 4% which is not unusual for summer. Giving is up over last year, which is a good sign based on the economy. There is no cash windfall from the mortgage pay-off. Pastor Bill and Fred Utne will write a special news letter for the fall relative to the Sprint Lease.</p>   |
| <b>Staff Parish</b>  | <p>Bill reported that there is a recommendation to increase Kathy Scott’s hours. They are also interviewing for directors of Sounds of Grace and Christian Education.</p> <p>The committee impressed that they really want participation on the staff evaluations this year.</p>   |
| <b>Worship/Music</b> | <p>Jill reported that the choir will be at each weekly service beginning in the fall. Sounds of Grace will be integrated into 2 services a month along with the choir. The interviewing is in process for a Director of Sounds of Grace.</p>   |
| <b>Worship</b>       | <p>Jill reported that people have volunteered and she will create a Welcome Center volunteer listing.</p> <p>Our guest preachers for the July 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> services will be JoAnne Gregorash and Luke Pepper, respectively.</p> <p>The October worship theme is “New Beginnings” with Celebration Sunday being October 26<sup>th</sup>, also as a celebration of our mortgage pay-off.</p> <p>There is a plan to hold a dinner theater in February. The date is not set yet, so availability will be reviewed with Trustees. Jill invited anyone to participate and get involved.</p>   |

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| <b>Micah Ministries</b>   | JoAnne reported and Bruce stated in his email that the Micah Ministries team will be going on a "field trip" this Saturday to Growing Home Urban Farm. We have wanted to see a local project that is supported by the Heifer Project, and this one fits the bill. Caring Ministries will be sending a \$500 check to Richard Vales' WWJD ministry as we traditionally do this time of year in keeping with a proposal from the Ad Council about 4 years ago. This has been from the cell tower tithe.   |
| <b>Stewardship</b>        | No Report   |
| <b>Trustees</b>           | <p>Bev reported that the May 31<sup>st</sup> Clean Up was a success. There was a small amount of people; however, they got a large amount of work done. There will also be another clean up day in the fall. Let the church office or any Trustee know if there is any work specifically that needs to be done. The list to date includes cleaning of sanctuary chairs, table tops, blinds, trimming bushes/trees and replacement of EXIT lights with LED lights.</p> <p>A gas smell has been noticed in the kitchen, it could be sewer gas. The grease trap will be cleaned out. Also, if there is ever a large amount of gas smell with an unknown origin, please contact the office and call the Fire Department.</p> <p>A call is being put out to add more people to trustees (adults and teenagers) to have a responsibility/duty like changing light bulbs. There will be a notice in the newsletter.</p> <p>IMPORTANT NEWS: Michael Ewert is the new Northern Illinois Conference Pact Administrator. He can be called for any information on insurance concerning our church. Zurich Insurance is our carrier and claims will be submitted directly to Zurich from now on.</p> |
| <b>Nominations</b>        | There was a meeting 2 weeks ago and working on a list of people to call.  |
| <b>UMW</b>                | Sherrie reported that their next meeting is September.  |
| <b>UMM</b>                | Marshall reported that there is one more Tony Dungy bible study. They will have a regular meeting in July and not meet in August.   |
| <b>Evangelism</b>         | See DOD report above.   |
| <b>Education</b>          | <p>Doug reported VBS planning is going well. There is a need for actors and materials listed in Narthex. They need lifeguards.</p> <p>They are in need of a few Sunday school teachers (K-1 co-teacher, co-teacher of grades 2, 3 &amp; 4 class and High School).</p> <p>Getting new curriculum which will be a follow up to the summer school, which is DVD based and relates to day to day lives with "Homework for Parents."</p>   |
| <b>Lay Leader</b>         | No Report   |
| <b>Memorial Committee</b> | No Report   |

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| <b>Caring Ministries</b>                    | Pastor Bill has stated that a new community hunger ministry focus is starting and asked that Caring Ministries can try to help even if only by recruiting a church member to organize our Redeemer's participation.  |
| <b>Family Ministry</b>                      | <p>Report submitted by Gwyn Greenwalt:<br/>We have three events scheduled for July.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. July 4<sup>th</sup> – Parade in Hoffman Estates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as last year, we will meet near the end of the parade route on Hassell Road. We will have treat bags (for collecting parade candy), patriotic tattoos, and other trinkets for the kids. Publicized through signs, sanctuary screen announcements, and bulletin inserts</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. July 18<sup>th</sup> – Ice Cream Social at Schaumburg Town Square 6:00-8:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enjoy ice cream and performances by the Schaumburg Dance Troupe. We picked this activity because some of the ORUMC youth are part of the dance troupe.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. July 26<sup>th</sup> – Fishing Expedition at Highpoint Park – 1704 Glenlake Road, 9:00-11:00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather permitting, our second annual finishing derby will be held at Highpoint Park on Glenlake Road (<i>north of Higgins Road, one block west of Hoffman Estates High School</i>). Location was changed to Highpoint Park this year because of facilities available (bathrooms and playground for younger children). We will provide bait, wet wipes, and have extra poles on hand for anyone who doesn't have equipment.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>CHURCH PICNIC<br/>August 24<sup>th</sup> is the picnic and Gwyn will take the lead to organize the committee.</p> |
| <b>Christian Corner</b>                     | No Report – Bev stated that Christian Corner will be closed for 4 days the week after the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July for cleaning.  |
| <b>Other</b>                                | Jerry made a motion to designate special collection for UMCOR for flood relief with the date to be determined later. Seconded by John and approved by the committee.   |
| <b>Next Meeting</b>                         | August 21, 2008 at 7:15 PM (There will be no meeting in July)  |
| <b>Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjourned</b> | 8:49 PM.   |
|   | Respectfully submitted – Cathy Mottar  |