

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

Administrative Council Minutes

April 19, 2010

Attendees: Jim Hoffman, Judy McNee, Mike & Samantha Greenlee, Larry & Kerry Gochmour, Bryan Waggoner, Dave Border, Mary Renaud, Joe & Karen Hall, Larry & Linda DeRosia, Don & Dorothy Kingsnorth, Bill Fogleman, Jim & Elaine Halley, Chelle Mahaney, Bobbie Wilcox, Ron Kart, Gail Sapp, Suzanne Artman-Kraft

Meeting opened by Chair Jim Hoffman with Devotional and prayer

Minutes of previous meeting approved

Council met in the Sanctuary for a Powerpoint presentation Re-Think Church led by Brian Waggoner, Mike & Samantha Greenlee and Chelle Mahaney.

Re-Think church presentation to highlight strength and weaknesses of church with a goal to enhance the Sunday Morning experience.

Pastor Rick attending retreat & made his presentation via video.

1. Worship schedule – need space between services.
2. Sunday school needs more attention.
3. No change in time of services.
4. Overlapping between traditional @ 10:30 and contemporary @ 11:00.
5. Members with experience to work with Mike.  
11:00 is no longer the suggested hour for services.

Mike & Samantha read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NIV) to make the statement “Why should we make these changes?”

Brian explained the goals:

1. Keep all three services.
  2. Each service needs its own space.
  3. Improve the contemporary service.
  4. Pastor will still be at both traditional services.
- A. Sunday school needs to be available to entire congregation (increase SS classes).
  - B. Children of all services can participate in Children’s church.
  - C. Sound, lighting & decorative improvements to Farr Hall.
  - D. Schedule breaks before & after SS.
  - E. More options for late service attendees.

Proposed: Traditional service 8:15 W/15 minutes fellowship before Sunday school @ 10:00.  
Second traditional & Contemporary both at 11:00.

Challenges: Plans are a compromise, Open mind – personal realization of our function on our street corner can become an advantage. We all need to find out what we like. Sunday school will be 45 minutes and needs to start and end on time.

Additional challenges – Praise worship leader will have greater responsibilities. Possible “Pastor over load”.

Significant changes will need to be made to Fall Hall. Possible affect on Sunday covered dish dinners. Sound coming from Farr Hall will have to be minimized.

Upgrade to Fall Hall – Stage, curtain or barrier, lighting panels, needs to look more like a worship center.

Estimated costs:

1. Floor covering, window cover-up, sound equipment & cables - \$7,000. Est,
2. Stage - \$4,300. Est,
3. Lighting – no prices as yet.
4. Approximate rough estimate - \$15,000.

We all need to pray for God’s guidance for the future of our congregation. Talk to your family and friends. Need to determine God’s will for us.

Questions: Kerry asked if this proposal will be presented to t he Contemporary service. Mike responded that it has already been mentioned to some of the attendees.

Bobbie Wilcox asked if there would be a cross at the Contemporary service. Samantha responded that some form of a cross will be offered.

A vote will be taken at the next Ad Council meeting as to a final decision and approval of the proposed plan. Brian has copies of the plan and it will be brought before the congregation.

Trustees: Joe Hall

The breezeway closure will be starting next Monday April 16. Trustees will interact on new plan to ensure it is developed properly.

Worship: Mary Renaud May 30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday blended service and covered dish lunch.

SPRC: Charlotte Marion – No report

Missions: Dave Border – 40 Hygiene kits collected for outreach. Working on providing a Summer lunch program.

Youth: Mike Greenlee – Have 4 youth interested in Summer camp.

1. Summer schedule – Lock-ins, Fundraisers.

Education: Chelle Mahaney – Need Children Church volunteers, July 26 tentative date for Vacation Bible School. Sunday school will be held through summer.

UMM: Larry Gochmour – Ladies circle asked the UMM to take over the Mother's Day celebration and provide refreshments. Larry told Mike the UMM can offer financial help for camp attendees.

New business: Suzanne Artman-Kraft mentioned the some elderly members are having difficulty hearing the minister. A Fashion Show fundraiser possibly in June.

Bill Fogleman asked that mention be made in the minutes in appreciation for the service as Recording Secretary of the Administrative Council by Judy McNee for the past 2 ½ years.

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