

Administrative Council Minutes--March 17, 2021

Attending: Tom Frost, Sharon Wormser, Janet Stargell, Mary Ott, David Herndon, Debbie Powell, Roger Powell, Staci Hainsworth, Bob Warring

Chair's Report: Sharon asked that the council think of people who might volunteer for the Treasurer's position. This transition will begin in July. She said we may be able to meet in person on the 3rd Sunday after church beginning in April or May.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were approved with one correction. The position of Sunday School aide was changed to read "Sunday School/Children's Church Aide." Action item continued: develop a job description for a tech person.

SPRC: Bob will update on the new minister appointment when information is available.

Trustees' Report: David reminded the council about the parsonage workdays on April 10 and April 17. The Trustees have saved \$1500 on the fence and \$250 on having the pit cleaning. They will finish the fence after the parsonage clean-up. The parsonage yard has been graded and seeded. The parking area was graded and enlarged.

Finance: Tithes and Offerings were slightly higher than budget in March (3rd month in a row!) but are 20% lower than the same period last year. Investments below budget primarily due to lower deferred investment income required to cover expenses. Expenses continue to be below budget due to COVID-19 building use restrictions.

Missions: Staci reported that 14 people have enrolled in the Hope Beyond Bars Bible study. She will put a section about sponsorship in the newsletter.

Worship team: Janet reported that the team would meet and update the council in April concerning the job description for a tech support person.

Preschool: There were questions concerning the covenant that were submitted late and couldn't be answered at this meeting. Approval of the covenant was tabled until the April meeting. A fourth student registered for 2021-2022 school year.

Pastor's Report: Debbie and Roger are meeting with members and attendees to get information for a booklet to give to the new pastor. Tom presented plans for Holy Week, Palm Sunday and Easter services. We discussed having an Easter egg hunt and a second worship service at SUMC, if needed. Tom announced that Mt. Zion would be having their first in-person worship service on Easter Sunday. Tom shared his thoughts and information concerning our online ministry. More discussion about technology and online ministries will follow at future meetings. Tom recommended that we delay hiring a tech person until we have a new pastor or until we can discern what the new pastor would want to do regarding the technology.

Next Admin Council meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Janet Stargell, Secretary