

Ad Council Meeting Minutes

8-24-25

Attendees: Andy Bryan, Rachel Ward, Colette Cummings, Cathy Todisman, Jerry Blackwell, David Phelps, Charlotte Phelps, Kevin Watkins, Nancy Thompson, Mike Plonka, Tim McDonough, David Viers, Diane Watkins, Ray Jauregui, Rona Chandler

Opening

- Rachel opened the meeting with discussion of James 1:25; biggest struggles around making decisions are related to fear – no decision will be perfect; most decisions are a combination of good and bad decisions. Be open to asking for and accepting wisdom from God and others that are more wise than we are.

Approval of 7/29/2025 Minutes

- Review in September meeting for approval

Celebrations and Upcoming Events

- 3rd grade bible distribution
- Feline movie sermon series
- Lots of kids during this morning's talking box
- Robin Davis came to visit
- MUMC is a sponsor for the 8/27 concert in the park
- Outside windows
- Charlotte & Dave Phelps have a new grandson!
- Rachel Ward has a new niece!
- 2nd Time Around Shop was crowded and brought in \$300 last Thursday
- Three MUMC members attended the Reconciling Ministries Network virtual meeting (Colette will share the minutes)
- Back to School blessing and bags on the railing

Finance

- Will need to take out a loan for the sewer pipe expenses that are not covered by insurance

Trustees

- Andy gave a shout out to the Trustees for all of the hard work, communication, and discussion around the building challenges and opportunities.
- Continuing work to ensure the building stays dry
 - Will need to replace floor in the lower level bathroom along with tile work, doors, vanity, new plumbing for the sink.
 - Work will need to be paid for and then reimbursed by insurance
 - Will put together quotes and based on July meeting Finance and Trustees have authority to approve downspouts.
 - Anything aside from downspouts and above the current insurance estimate will need to be approved by the council – potentially by email (must be unanimous)
 - Insurance will help cover damage from the flood, but not work to prevent future flooding.
- Have an architect identified to complete a full facility accessibility audit

PPRC

- PPRC Report for charge conference will be submitted with Kyle Kranes-Rutz listed under the Continuation of Candidacy section.

Tech:

- Review notes sent 8/22

Community Unity Center:

- Review notes sent 8/22

Pastor's Report

- Safe Gatherings Policy – review to discuss in September meeting; thanks to Brittany Link for pulling this together
- Governance Policy Draft –
 - Ends Policies currently blank and will hold outcomes we want to see due to our policies
 - Governance Process – drafted for review in September meeting
 - Management Delegation Policies – how the ad council delegates authority and what that looks like; generally delegated to the pastor
 - Executive Limitations – what the pastor is not authorized to do
- Met with pastors from Webster, Unity, Lafayette Park, and The Connection UMCs to discuss other ways we can collaborate

- Consider in advance of the September meeting what it would look like for these four congregations to hire a staff person to share (i.e., Administrator or Youth Director)
 - Splitting time
 - Supervisory role
 - % contribution to support salary per church
 - Work space / office
 - Varied needs within communities and congregations
- Collaborate on classes, initiatives, events, worship, etc.
- Meeting again with the group of pastors this week
- Andy starts classes on Tuesday!

Action Items

- n/a

Next Steps

- Review Safe Gatherings Policy for discussion at September meeting
- Review Governance Policy section 2 for discussion at September meeting
- Consider possibility / opportunities for sharing a staff member amongst 4 collaborating congregations and other potential collaborations
- Colette will send minutes from the Reconciling Ministries Network
- Quotes for flood repairs may be shared via email – keep an eye out for these emails.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - 9/28/25 – 12:15 pm
 - 10/26/25 – 12:15 pm
 - 12/7/25 – 12:15 pm

Motion to adjourn – Jerry Blackwell moved to adjourn, Nancy Thompson seconded;

ADJOURNED