

Ad Council Meeting Minutes

6-28-2026

Attendees: Andy Bryan, Colette Cummings, Cathy Todisman, Charlotte Phelps, Jerry Blackwell, Nancy Thompson, Kevin Watkins, Diane Watkins, David Vierse, Kathryn Cox, Lis Wall-Smith, Ray Jauregui

Opening

- Andy opened with prayer.

David Vierse nominated Andy Bryan to lead the meeting in Rachel Ward's absence. Colette Cummings seconded. APPROVED

Celebrations and Upcoming Events

- Andy was re-assigned to MUMC for another year
- Summer Scholars Academy has started
- 10 kids at Parents Night Out
- New tablecloths are downstairs
- New CUC yard signs are up
- Excited about new confirmands and new members and baptisms
- Barb Stanford's creativity with the altar art
- David Phelps' original composition during service today

Trustees

- Kitchen exhaust fan repair – should have part on Mon or Tues.
 - Needs cost approved - \$300 labor charge, motor is \$450. Requesting up to \$1,000.

Finance

- Starting to fall behind in giving vs budget
- 2nd quarter statement will include letter indicating where we are
- Financial policies review / approval

PPRC

- New hire Rachel Vespa for Summer Academy after care to be paid through CUC.
- One staff increase was not captured by accounting. Backpay has been calculated for 6/30 pay date.

Communications

- Jerry hasn't received information about CUC activities recently to add into the newsletter. Nancy / Kathryn to follow-up

Good Trouble

- Many people attended the 4th amendment safety training.
- Want to designate a private / safe space within the building. Would like Trustees to consider where that space would be and hang a sign.

Other Business

- Right to Read
 - Missouri Annual Conference is a member of Right to Read
 - We need additional information about whether MUMC needs to become an individual congregation or if we are already an organizational member under the Missouri Annual Conference umbrella.
 - Clarify the request and add to the newsletter. Andy will send a write-up to Jerry.

Pastor's Report

- Reviewing Tech policies / access template to bring for approval
- Accessibility task force
 - Next step is to write study committee report and send to DS for approval (in process).
 - After DS approval, will hold a charge conference and present for congregational input.
- Shout out to Brittany – attended concert in the park and distributed flyers for parents night out, plus setup a table
- Three youth going to UNITE
- Vacation 7/20-8/2
- Maplewood at the Movies with a back to school theme will be the next sermon series

Action Items

- Requests for approval
 - Minutes from May meeting
 - Moved by Cathy Todisman, seconded by Nancy Thompson
 - APPROVED
 - Allow up to \$1,000 for kitchen exhaust fan repair

- Moved by Colette Cummings, seconded by Kathryn Cox
 - APPROVED
- Financial Policies Approval
 - Moved by Nancy Thompson, seconded by Jerry Blackwell
 - APPROVED
- Payroll Increase Process updates approval
 - Moved by Cathy Todisman, seconded by Kathryn Cox
 - APPROVED

Next Steps

- Upcoming meetings:
 - 7/26/26 – 12:15 pm
 - 8/30/26 – 12:15 pm

Motion to adjourn executive session and council meeting – moved by Cathy Todisman, second by Diane Watkins. APPROVED