

**Lost Creek United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
January 22, 2008**

Those present: Linda Griffin, Buddy and Terri Moore, Bryan West, Arron and Jami Grantz, Patsy Rains, Nancy Blair, Ken Edmondson, Curt and Cindy Wilkey, Katrina Jarvis, Clint Metcalf, Max Rudd, Kathleen Woods, Scott McCaslin, and Nancy Hilley

Linda called the meeting to order. She shared Philippians 3:13 as her scripture. She encouraged the council members to set resolutions for the coming year.

Minutes from the December meetings were reviewed. Kathleen moved to approve the minutes. Nancy B. seconded. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance Committee—The minutes of the Finance Committee were reviewed. Terri asked about needing a quorum for the committee because several members of the committee need to be replaced. Those positions should be filled in the near future. Exiting committee member Raymond Kinzie wanted the council to know what a wonderful job Teri Smith and Terri Moore have done on the Finance Committee. Nancy B. moved to accept the minutes. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Business Administrator Report—Terri presented the monthly finance report. She noted that \$11,000 is still left on the construction project for the water meter. \$42,000 is left on the loan to cover the water meter, furnishings, and any other costs. The Centennial Room will be covered by donations. The church is under budget for the year, but we will have enough to cover expenses. Jami moved to accept the report. Arron seconded. Motion carried.

SPRC—Max reported for the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. He noted that Scott McCaslin was hired as of January 16, and the church is happy to have him as building superintendent. The trustees will be outlining his duties. They will include set up and clean up for small group meetings. Bryan asked about how to communicate room requests to Scott. A system will be set up in the near future.

Pastor Report—Max presented the Pastor Report. He shared Matthew 28:19-20, the great commission, as his scripture and called for the church to redouble our evangelistic efforts. Membership was at 313 at the end of 2007.

The building security system was recently upgraded.

The group that went to the DERT training, including Bill Bunch, Rhyner Arthur, Rod and Patty Wanger, Bryan West, Ken Edmondson, Katrina Jarvis, and Rob McCaslin, brought back good reports. It was noted that there are places for everyone on a disaster emergency response team. All must be trained so they can receive badges from the state to enter disaster areas. DERT teams must be led by VIM trained leaders. Besides clearing debris, there are care teams staffed with listeners. Ken has contacted Echo, a chainsaw company, about the possibility of doing training for saw operation. There may be another training session at Lost Creek in the future.

Leadership training at Lost Creek will be January 27, at 4:00 p.m. It will include a video on how to minister to different age groups. There will also be a review of the strategic plans. Cheryl Barth will lead the group in visioning and goal setting. Participants should bring snack food.

John Eisenberg will visit Lost Creek on February 3.

The Local Church Leader Workshop will be on February 9, in Stillwater. The bishop will be there. Church leaders, especially members of the trustees and SPRC, should attend.

Life Line will be at Lost Creek on February 26. A representative will be here on February 10, for a brief workshop.

Lost Creek is invited to a district cluster meeting at Perkins First on March 30, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The goal is to look at shared ministries and open doors of communication so churches ministering in the same area can work together. Annual conference will take a radical look at the conference strategic plan this year to make the top administration more responsive to the churches. There may be some positive effects for small churches. Bert Potts, District Superintendent, recognizes the laity of Lost Creek as important to the success of our church. She has asked for Lost Creek people to serve on conference committees that will bring radical ideas to the conference level. Max asked for people to go to the cluster meetings with open minds and to share ideas.

Trustees—Arron presented the report from the trustees. John Dunivan is checking on whether problems with the asphalt will be covered in the job recently completed. The committee would like to gather information on future building plans before extensive work in the existing building is started in order to address things that will contribute to future growth. Rhyner Arthur and Arron Grantz were elected co-chairs of the trustees. The Decorating Committee is heading up the plans for the nursery renovation. Terri asked to keep the wall for the upstairs classrooms. It was noted that Homer's Sunday school class will move to the Centennial Room when it is completed.

NURTURE

Kathleen presented the Nurture report.

Prayer Team—Nancy B. reported on the Prayer Response Team. She noted that more prayer response cards have been ordered. Also, if other prayer groups meet, they could send another card to expand the ministry.

Sunday School—Cindy presented the Sunday school report. She noted that there will be a Spring Fling on April 12, instead of the Easter Family Fun Day. She asked the Men's Group if they would help with the meal, and the teachers will have activities. Cindy expressed "thanks" to Buddy and Terri for assembling the desk for the Sunday school office.

Stewardship—Clint gave a report from the Stewardship Committee. Another pledge campaign has been completed. Thirty-one cards were turned in. Commitments of \$152,000 will cover about ½ of the 2008 budget. \$24,000 has been pledged to help cover the \$43,000 needed for the loan. The council commended the Stewardship Committee for the good job done on the pledge campaign. It was noted that the stewardship commitment is part of our spiritual growth and covers not only money, but also attendance, prayer, service, etc.

OUTREACH

Food Closet—Patsy expressed "thanks" to Karen Roper for stripping and waxing the floor in the new food closet. The shelving will need to be assembled and the refrigerator and freezer moved before the room can be inspected. Sixty people who help with the food closet enjoyed lunch last Sunday. Patsy noted that this ministry requires lots of help and is easy to get involved in. From January through October, the food closet served an average of 128 households. This went up in November and December, but came back down to 131 in January.

VBS—Jami reported on VBS plans. She and Aimee have already met several times in preparation to really build interest in VBS this year. It will be the second week of June and will feature a ship built in the children's area. The theme will be Outrigger Island and all activities will be in the new addition and the fellowship hall.

WITNESS

Katrina reported that she has set aside time on Wednesday evenings to send out visitor cards. She also has plans to work with the hospitality teams.

New Business

Kathleen reported on work done in the library. She suggested creating a library board to set procedures and policy for the library. Max moved to appoint Kathleen Woods to establish a library board to oversee the library. Arron seconded. Terri asked if tapes and DVDs would be included. The board would decide that. Katrina amended the motion to specify that an uneven number of people serve on the board. Motion carried.

Ken noted that the New Liberty Quartet will be in concert at Lost Creek on March 8.

Prayer requests were shared. Patsy closed with prayer.