

**Lost Creek United Methodist Church  
Administrative Council Minutes  
March 25, 2008**

Those present: Cindy Wilkey, Linda Griffin, Rhyner Arthur, Bryan West, Roger Kinzie, Kathleen Woods, Max Rudd, Patsy Rains, Ken Edmondson, Scott McCaslin, Nancy Blair, and Nancy Hilley

Linda opened the meeting by reading II Corinthians 3:4-6. She related this passage to events during Joshua's lifetime, and noted that we are able to accomplish all things only through God's power. Linda stated that she wondered what God will lead us to next. She then offered prayer.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Kathleen moved to accept the minutes as presented. Nancy B. seconded. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**—The report from the finance committee was reviewed. Cindy moved to accept the report. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

**Business Administrator**—The report from the business administrator was reviewed. Linda noted that the endowment fund has grown some. Max moved to accept the report. Kathleen seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor**—Max presented the pastor report. He delighted in looking back at the report from 2 years ago and commended those people who led the way in meeting the goals listed.

The district cluster meeting will be on Sunday, March 30. Max expects that the meeting will involve looking at ways to share ministry within the district. He encouraged people to attend.

Lay Leadership Focus Day on April 5, looks like it will be good. Several people are signed up to go.

The bishop is coming to Lost Creek on June 15.

Max is considering the idea of a consecration service for the new addition on April 27. It will include a potluck lunch and a short service. The consecration will include the Centennial Room. It was noted that this will be the day after the Men's BBQ so perhaps there will be some food available from that for the lunch.

Max explained how the graph depicts the great response to the stewardship call in January. Attendance is up, with only one Sunday below average. Year-to-date income is \$200 over budget.

The report also includes nominations for three positions to be filled.

Max had the application for the "Outstanding Town or Rural Church Award" to be presented at Annual Conference. Linda and Cindy volunteered to fill out the application.

**Children's Ministries**—Aimee sent word that the next Funday Sunday is scheduled for April 27, from 5:00-7:00. The theme is "water madness."

**Trustees**—Rhyner presented the trustees' report and shared his scripture from Philippians 3:13-14. He noted that Roger has talked with the Terri about funds available to add more asphalt parking area.

**NURTURE**

Kathleen presented the report for nurture ministries and shared her scripture from Psalm 150.

**Prayer Response Team**—Nancy B. reported that things are going well with the prayer response team. Several cards are sent out each week.

**Sunday School**—Cindy presented the Sunday school report and shared Psalm 107:21 as her scripture. She noted that we are blessed to have the new building, especially for the Sunday school program.

**Communion Preparers**—It was mentioned that Judy Talley should be added to the communion preparers list. Max called for volunteers to rotate for communion preparation and clean-up, especially for the 8:30 service.

**Grace Living**—Kathleen noted that the residents at Grace Living were under a lock-down for 3 days recently because of all the illness at the home.

**UMW**—Kathleen also asked about putting UMW in the strategic plan. Currently ladies' functions are listed under nurture and outreach. It was also noted that the UMW meeting scheduled for Thursday night has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

**Library Committee**—Kathleen has talked to Isabel Herbst, Diann Rudd, Curt Wilkey, and Joyce Winston about serving with her on the library committee. It was suggested that the library committee be added to the strategic plan under nurture.

### **OUTREACH**

Roger led the reporting from outreach ministries.

**Men's Group**—Bryan presented the men's group report and shared his scripture from Ephesians 6:11.

**Food Pantry**—Patsy reported that about 160 people were served at the last food pantry. She noted that in the past she budgeted \$350/month plus designated offerings. Last month she spent \$500, noting that it's getting harder to get the same amount of food as before without spending more. She also was more aware of a sense of desperation among some of the clients this time.

**Easter Family Funday**—Spring Fling will replace the Easter Family Funday this year and will be held on April 12.

**Missions**—Alaska, Belize, and Kairos missions are coming along.

The mission market will be set up in the northwest corner of the fellowship hall. Participants will be asked to leave items for no longer than one month. There will be no color coding this time. All purchases will be recorded on one sheet.

Other ongoing mission information is available on the table in the hallway by the door to the new addition. It is hoped that these will develop into regular displays for the various mission programs.

The Alaska mission team will host a meal on Sunday along with the Ambassadors concert that evening.

### **Old Business**

The nominations for the library committee were noted.

### **New Business**

Kathleen explained Cody Peel's Eagle Scout project to the group. He is asking organizations and individuals to donate money to buy supplies to fill an emergency backpack for each classroom in the Perkins-Tryon Elementary School. Each backpack costs about \$100. Kathleen asked if Lost Creek would like to participate. It was suggested that the church donate \$100 for one backpack. The project will also be presented to the Sunday school classes to see if they would like to donate additional funds.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Kathleen moved to accept the library committee nominations of Isabel Herbst, Diann Rudd, Curt Wilkey, Joyce Winston, and Kathleen Woods; and also the nominations of Karen Roper to the trustees, Marcia Hargrove to the lay leadership committee, and Homer Huff to the finance committee. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.
2. Max moved that Lost Creek fund one emergency backpack for \$100. Roger seconded. Motion carried. It was suggested that Kathleen make a list, some flyers, or have a sample backpack to promote the project in the Sunday school classes.

Kathleen moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryan seconded. Motion carried.

Prayer concerns were shared. Nancy B. closed with prayer.