

Anna Kresge Memorial United Methodist Church
Minutes of the Administrative Council
September 27, 2009

The Administrative Council of Anna Kresge United Methodist Church met on Sunday, September 27, 2009, with 27 members present. John Giglio opened the meeting with prayer.

Linda Lee presented the report of the Treasurer, pointing out that though we are still in the red, the situation is improved over last month. She had provided individual ministry area reports of spending in 2009 and requested all budget requests for next year be returned to the Finance Committee as soon as possible so that the Committee can prepare the 2010 budget for presentation to the Charge Conference on November 1st. Arlene Giglio's motion to place the van ministry budget within Evangelism's budget was seconded by Jill Wells and approved. The Treasurer's report was then approved as presented.

Charles Himes then reported for the Committee on Finance that negotiations with Sun Trust Bank for refinancing our mortgage at a lowered rate are nearing completion for a five year interval. The Council approved these plans and gave official approval for the signing of the mortgage when negotiations are complete, subject to the best judgment of the Finance Committee and the Trustees. That motion was made by Krista Cooper, seconded by John Giglio, and was unanimously approved.

Jenny Watson reported that our Stewardship Campaign will be conducted in November, and suggested we ask for one-year pledges because of the uncertainty of the economy. After discussion, this was approved by the Council.

Linda Rutland reported for the Anna Kresge Children's Center that the new salary and hours arrangement with the Director is in place and should help the financial picture; that we have experienced normal turnover in the enrollment, and that a full report will be given to the Council at a later date after more experience with these changes.

Danny O'Neal gave the report of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. At their meeting on October 8th, the salary recommendations will be approved for the Finance Committee.

Chairman Kulp then reviewed the process of establishing the W.I.N.G.S. re-organization structure for the Council. The Pastor of John's Creek U.M.C. and a group of Laity from that church had visited Kresge in September and explained further about how they originated this structure, and help us see some needed changes. A steering committee comprised of Danny and Susan O'Neal, Cindi Hicks, Curtis Hollabaugh, Frank Norris and Shannon McGee has been working to modify the concept for our church and they presented the attached documents – a flow chart and answered questions – and acted as a panel to facilitate discussion. After the discussion, the Administrative Council unanimously approved the new structure as presented which is attached to these minutes. We also approved a condensed vision statement which states that our main goal is "Making Disciples here, there and everywhere." It is based on the great commission in Matthew 28:18 and Acts 1:8. This will call for both creativity and accountability from all the different ministry teams within the church.

Under new business, Krista Cooper asked that the outside parking lot lights be adjusted to make it safer as we leave the church. Charles Himes and Danny O'Neal agreed to re-set the timer.

John Giglio asked that the area under the shed at the picnic table be designated as a smoking area. The matter was referred to the Trustees to decide.

There being no further business, Chairman Kulp closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene Giglio, Secretary