

Administrative Council
October 13, 2022

Present: Mike Vanderspool, Dana Schmunk, Janet Martin-Conners, Karen Woollams, Nolan Peterson, Andrea Alford, Jim Alford, Jody Croskey, Susan Wellman, Rodney Gasaway, Joy Barrett

Regrets: Heather Hay, Brenda Beck

Chairperson Mike Vanderspool opened the meeting with **welcome and prayer**.

The **team sharing question** invited us to reflect on and share what this statement means to each of us: “rather than focus on the need of the church to receive, Consecration Sunday concentrates on the need of the giver to give for their own spiritual development.”

Consecration Sunday update: Andrea and Jim Alford, leadership team co-chairs, provided an update; Consecration Sunday is October 23. Currently soliciting RSVP’s for the catered brunches. The team is doing an excellent job; great “witness” moments from Kasie Cousino and Edie Wiarda; Mark Wellman is on-deck for October 16. We’ve learned a lot, made our own “org charts” for the process, trying to keep good notes in case we use this process in the future.

Parables Ministry update: Jody Croskey reported three strong Sundays – launch was September 25. Attendance has been great; thank you for all the support. We have transitioned from the initial Exploration Team to the Implementation Team; now it seems time for an on-going ministry leadership team. Suggest a chairperson who is highly invested in the ministry, at least 3-5 people with various gifts needed to sustain the ministry, generate fresh ideas, help get the many tasks accomplished. Suggestion that the Implementation Team offer suggestions of people and/or skill sets needed; then Ad Council and Nominations and Leadership Development will work together with LeAnn and others to invite persons to the ministry team.

Finance – September report review – good news; no concerns

Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism update – Rev. April Gutierrez has recommended a book for our use: *Faithful Anti-Racism: Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change* by Christina Barland Edmondson and Chad Brennan. Mike and Joy inquired about the Administrative Council committed to a book study using this book along with an invitation to the congregation at large to join the study and conversation. Perhaps 2-3 large group learning sessions with a facilitator, paired with small group conversations between those sessions to go deeper. Perhaps we could have 5-8 small groups?

Annual Profile of the Congregation – this report needs to be completed and submitted to the district office prior to the end of this calendar year. Nolan Peterson volunteered to assist with this.

Pastor Report

Church Conference report: we had 7 people attend the annual church conference in Brighton, September 24. Joy moved the adoption of the church conference minutes; Dana seconded; motion passed.

Information sessions: what’s happening in the UMC?; Get to Know Chelsea First; New Member class still formulating plans for these; days of the week and times TBD.

Broad conversation about seeming lack of momentum/passion – we are not seeing a lot of younger families...what is going on for them? Maybe we need to try more options...see what sticks? Is it time to redo the interest survey? Create more teams helping to lead ministries?

Church Directory

Our current church management database has a module for a digital directory...possible, perhaps, to launch in early 2023?

Next meetings

November 10 – Administrative Council will NOT meet

December 8 – final meeting of the year; agenda items include: approve Profile of the Church report; approve 2023 budget.

Adjourn at 9:00 pm