

## **Administrative Council Meeting**

**Attendance:** Carissa Thompson, Travis Schipper, Kim Van Langen, Paul Swenson, Gary Kahle, Mabel Haines, Sam Haines, Carrie Van Hemert, Bob Start, Deacon Diane Wasson Eberhart, Pastor Beverlee Bell, Ro Ruth-Barry, Heather Davidson, Marty Pierce, Jean Swenson, Mark Meyer, Avon Crawford

**Excused:** Christy Brown

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Travis Schipper.  
Pastor Bev led prayer.

**Minutes:** Heather Davidson moved minutes from January meeting be approved. Gary Kahle seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's/Finance Report:** Mark Meyer reported that a bookkeeping adjustment for pre-school accounting was made a month ago. Committee will monitor it. Apportionment payment goal for this year is 80% and should be on target. Stock that was given last year has been sold. Committee is looking into electronic giving. Some churches that they have contacted using this system have seen an increase of as much as 15%. There usually is a fee for this that the church pays.

Pastor Bev recalled that Walnut Hills at its inception tithed 10% for outreach. This has fallen off for several years. Last year \$10,000 was given for outreach that goes to organizations including AMOS and Family Promise. An additional \$1000 was added this year. Gary Kahle moved and Carissa Thompson seconded a motion that the \$1000 be given to an additional organization. Motion carried. Paul Swenson moved and Jean Swenson seconded that Bidwell Riverside Center be the recipient. Motion carried.

**SPRC:** Bob Start report that they have been going over job descriptions, liaison duties, and nursery staff. SPRC will be highlighted in the next newsletter with a description of what the committee's responsibilities are. They feel they need to communicate more with members.

**Property:** Paul Swenson reported that a new water heater has been installed, a wasp problem in a pre-school room has been taken care of, plans for kitchen remodeling are on going, new signage for the restrooms has been completed, and they will be looking at parking lot maintenance this summer.

**Christian Education:** Deacon Diane reported that the committee had not met since our Jan. meeting, therefore, no report.

**Stewardship:** They have not met since our last meeting, therefore, no report.

**Reconciling Ministries:** Travis Schipper reported for Christy Brown. They will have a table at the Governor's LGBTQ Conference on April 11 and will be handing out rainbow ribbons and the church's business cards showing an accepting and confirming church.

**Social Justice:** Jean Swenson reported that there were about 40 people for the Planned Parenthood presentation last Sunday. The March forum will be on the Islamic faith.

**Vice Chair/At Large Members:** No additional reports.

**Old Business:** Pastor Bev announced that the Love Offering and monies from the endowment came to about \$9000 and was given to the couple that are experiencing many medical issues.

Marty Pierce reported that she had represented Walnut Hills at an information meeting about sanctuary safe places. A sanctuary place is one that houses immigrants who are at risk of deportation. ICE and police usually do not enter these spaces in order to apprehend undocumented persons. There are five levels of support for undocumented persons:

1. House immigrants and “bar the door” from immigration officers.
2. House immigrants and allow immigration officers to enter with protest.
3. Allow immigration officers to enter without protest.
4. Do not house. Instead, help other sanctuary places with money, meals, and support persons.
5. Take a stand as a supporter.

Concern to house immigrants centered on the pre-school. Pastor Bev met with the pre-school staff and contacted DHS. DHS stated that someone from the church would have to be in the building at all times, the alarm system could not be used and that the pre-school license would probably be rescinded.

Marty as a representative from Social Justice Committee will continue to gather information and to report back. It was the consensus that Walnut Hills would not house but wants more information about working with other churches who are or will become sanctuaries.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Adjourn:** Paul Swenson moved and Sam Haines seconded that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Adjournment approximately 8:50.

Avon Crawford  
Secretary