

**OUR REDEEMER'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 17, 2008**

<b>Attendees</b>	Pastor Bill, Sherrie Cottrell, Rich Hill, Bruce Bedingfield, Jill Woods-Naatz, Marshall Nystrom, Jerry and Shirley McDaniel, John Machonis, Jim Gurga, Mary Knoppell and Cathy Mottar
<b>Opening</b>	Meeting called to order by Sherrie at 7:18 p.m. with an opening prayer.
<b>Devotions</b>	Rich Hill on Team Building – “Bite by bite” Ruth chapter 2 verse 8, those can stray by tempting and nibble away with sin until you are lost. God will find your way home again. Jill will provide May’s devotion.
<b>Administration</b>	Introduction Minutes of March meeting were approved. Mary motioned approval of the meeting notes as amended and Marshall seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion.
<b>Huddle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORUMC “What We Are About” – Sherrie discussed some of the components of Effective Slogans which was shared in the meeting a couple of months ago, to enable the team to brainstorm ideas for phrases to identify our church or what it means to you at Our Redeemer’s. What do you tell people about our church in 30 minutes? What is the character of our church? Examples discussed a few weeks ago: “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”, Catch the Fervor, Join our Family, Feel accepted here, Our Church Home, Accept New Ideas and try them, A Place Where You Feel Loved, This is not how we are different from other churches. It is to define who we are. The team was asked to think about this and it will be on the agenda for discussion next month.</li> <li>• Calendar – Jerry handed out the next 3 months calendars. There needs to be an owner of each activity on the calendar. All updates should be given to Jerry. The June Ad Council meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup>, rather than June 19<sup>th</sup> due to ASP Trip.</li> <li>• Narthex – Mary Zalay is working with the signage folks, it appears more scratched than it should be. They are also, looking for 4 areas with specific focus. Need to dedicate and celebrate.</li> <li>• Movie Memorabilia – No update</li> <li>• Natural Church Development – Pastor Bill reported that on the Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. is the film “The Power of Forgiveness”. There was a meeting the other night and another on April 29<sup>th</sup>. More focus on the small groups. Goal is for 4 new groups next fall and planning for that will begin later this month.</li> <li>• Cell Tower – Pastor Bill believes that all papers have been signed and the funds are due to be transferred</li> </ul>

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	<p>tomorrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORUMC Security– Marianne emailed that there is a meeting with the trustees with regard to this topic. Open invitation to the meeting on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
<b>Sharing</b>	
<b>Pastor's Report</b>	There will be some planning meetings with the Stewardship and Sunday morning worship services for next fall. There maybe 2 -3 new families joining soon.
<b>Director of Discipleship Report</b>	No report
<b>Youth Director Report</b>	<p>The Youth Council is having a meeting Sunday at 10:15. There will be a graduate recognition at the 10:30 service on May 18 with a luncheon following in Wesley Hall. They will be sending invitations and also asking people to let the office know if they have a high school or college graduate. They have been discussing some social justice issues in the sr. high youth group. There is an organization called "To Write Love On Her Arms" that helps girls with depression and cutting issues. The students would like to have a concert in the summer that would benefit this organization. It is in the baby stages right now--they are still looking at dates and details. They know that the Ember Days (the 633 band) is interested in playing and there are bands that a couple of our students are in that would also be interested in coming. All bands that are interested are local and would not charge. We would simply take donations for the organization.</p> <p>The ASP retreat is May 16-17 at the church--Marianne has already contacted the scrapbooking group and she will touch base with them again.</p>
<b>Committees</b>	
<b>WTTF</b>	Continue to update the website. Marshall is looking for presentation software for the services. All email references will be removed from our website due to spam occurring to our email addresses. We will have a central filter thru Marshall for the single email address. All phone numbers will be removed to just show the church phone number on the web. The printed copy and brochures will keep personal phone numbers.
<b>Finance</b>	Down 9% on tithes and gifts, but we are still 9% over prior year. We are doing okay. Finance would prefer not to publicize the cell tower sale.

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<b>Staff Parish</b>	Pastor Bill reported that there was a meeting last Tuesday about needs of the staff and staffing
<b>Micah Ministries</b>	Bruce reported about the letter writing campaign through the organization Bread for the World to write to their senator on hunger. Jill will be talking this week about the United Methodist Church support of Bread for the World.
<b>Stewardship</b>	No Report
<b>Trustees</b>	Jim reported that church clean up is planned for May 31 <sup>st</sup> . It will be team clean up with lots of people to help out.
<b>Nominations</b>	No Report
<b>UMW</b>	Sherrie reported that their next meeting is 4/19 where 2 Muslim women will be coming and explain their religion. Also the rummage sale is scheduled for 5/9 and 5/10. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex.
<b>UMM</b>	Continuing their Tony Dungy Bible study on Saturday mornings with usually 12 men. Their day Habitat day is 4/19. They will be selling Pizza 4/20 (last chance).
<b>Evangelism</b>	Lent – Meals for Millions made \$830 to date.
<b>Education</b>	No Report
<b>Worship</b>	Offering of letters is May 11 <sup>th</sup> . Book of Acts would like to do a dinner theater as a fun thing to do. Jill has brought a proposal for discussion to the committee to do this in the fall. It sounds like a good idea. Pastor Bill had concerns about the recommended timing and the use of the building. This would bring some energy. Jill will have Sue Z. talk with Pastor Bill with regard to next steps.
<b>Music</b>	Music Sunday will be May 18.
<b>Lay Leader</b>	No Report
<b>Memorial Committee</b>	Mary is still waiting for wish lists.
<b>Caring Ministries</b>	Prayer Shawl ministry is doing great. 55 Shawls have been given to date. Please remember to call anyone on the committee; they don't want to forget anyone. They plan to send a shawl with each of the ASP crews this year, so if there is a need they will have it available.
<b>Family Ministry</b>	No Report – Tie Dye next Saturday
<b>Christian Corner</b>	No Report – John said that CC will present their budget to the finance committee.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 15, 2008 at 7:15 PM
<b>Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjourned</b>	8:40 PM.
	Respectfully submitted – Cathy Mottar