

Grand Ave UMC Administrative Council Meeting

August 8, 2024 – 7:00 pm

Member	Present	Member	Present
Vince Pepin, Pastor	√	Kay Hamann, Financial Recording Sec	√
Mark Grams, Ad Council Chairman	√	Jan Young, Treasurer	√
Stacy Peters, Ad Council Secretary	√	Mary Kae Geittmann, SPRC Chairman	√
Dan Benning, Finance Chair & Lay Leader	√	Bob Graff, Trustee Chair	

Vince started the meeting with an Opening Prayer at 7:05.

Approval of the June Minutes – Jan motioned to approve, and Mary Kae seconded; motion carried.

Monthly Finance Report - Jan:

- Regular income was significantly over budget in June and July.
 - The plate offering on June 9 was \$8,217.
 - The plate offering on July 28 was \$11,335.
- Expenses were well below budget.
 - Payroll was slightly below budget.
 - Trustee's expenses were less than half of budget - the insurance bill budgeted in July will actually be paid in August.
- We gained more than \$6,400 in June when we had budgeted a loss of \$3,174 and gained more than \$11,500 in July when we had budgeted a loss of \$1,978.
- We will start putting together the 2025 budget in a month or so and pick a date for our Charge Conference.

SPRC Report – Mary Kae:

- SPRC met in June, discussed Abigails performance, and Abigail was let go & Mason Thill was hired. There have been fewer mistakes and he keeps a good tempo going.
- The music committee will be getting the choir going again, but they haven't asked Mason to be the choir director.
- A worship committee has been formed that includes the music committee, Vicki Sepulveda, Pastor Vince, and Sheri Pepin. They will be working on programs for Christmas and Easter.
- Dave Guse will be helping to put on a program in Spring involving the topics of Mental Health, Suicide, and Grieving. We could invite out partner churches, Lighthouse Youth Ministry for sure, and perhaps even open it community wide. There is a speaker in mind that cost \$5k, but there is a foundation grant we could apply for to help with cost and money in Phil Bruno's memorial still available, so the cost to the church shouldn't be too much. We still also want to do something in September around the Pie & Conversation funeral pre-planning session.
- Edna K. mentioned there are about a dozen hymnals missing from the pews. Stacy will check to see where they are – there are several up in the music room that choir was using.
- There was a request to make the Admin & Trustee minutes and Finance report more visible. The committee minutes and report were moved to the bulletin board by the kitchen last month per Dan's suggestion and placed on our website. We will also start sending the minutes and report out with our monthly newsletter.

Trustees Report - Dan

- We have requested a street light be installed on the west side of the parking lot to help illuminate the back corner.
- We received a complaint on the flood light in back, asking if we can adjust it as it is now shining in the house after WE Energies removed all the trees.
- Our final parking lot bill was paid in June. There is \$3k in an account designated for future parking lot maintenance.

Ministry Programs - Dan

- Lighthouse went to a concert in Oshkosh and had a great time.
- The mission trip in Madison got rave reviews. There was a youth from each of the supporting congregations, which was great.
- LH will give an update at the ecumenical worship in Upper Lake Park on 8/18 and kick off their new program year.

Pastor Report - Vince:

- Vince had a good vacation and is recharged for seminary class in the fall. He will be taking 1 class. He will also be coaching football this fall.

Staff Report - Stacy:

- Spent time in July doing the Family Promise book and supply ordering for our WUMF grant program and sending in receipts for reimbursement. Colleen Wenos from the foundation reached out to say she will be writing grant promos in the fall, and is hoping we can share a few photos, lessons learned, or successes from the program.
- We passed our fire inspection at the end of June & our boiler inspection at the end of July with no issues. City will be replacing our water meter on 8/22.

Other Business: No other business

Next Meeting is September 12th @ 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the Charge Conference and nominations at the next meeting.

Vince led the Closing Prayer.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jan, seconded by Kay. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacy Peters