

## Grand Ave UMC Administrative Council Meeting

June 13, 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 7:06.

Approval of the May Minutes – Dan motioned to approve, and Jan seconded; motion carried.

### Monthly Finance Report - Jan:

- Regular income was dramatically less than budget.
- Expenses were slightly below budget.
- In total, we lost almost \$6,000.
- Licensing school expenses were significant (\$1200) but we should be reimbursed for them at some point in the future.
- We have also spent a significant amount of money on Family Promise (over \$700) which should be repaid by a grant in the future.
- Jan had shared a trend graph with the financial reports showing the downward trend of funds he is concerned with. We did well at the Plant Sale. We may want to consider doing a Christmas décor sale to raise funds. We would need someone to run it.
- Jan had also sent the Audit report – the audit was done by Paul Hoffman from Christ the King Church and we received a good report.

### SPRC Report – Mary Kae:

- SPRC did not meet in May and will be meeting next on 6/23.
- Vince would like to get a worship committee going and wants to be a member.
- Vince will check with District Superintendent, Ebenezer Insor, on a new contract now that licensing school is done and he has officially been appointed.

### Trustees Report - Dan

- The final landscaping piece of filling in dips in lawn around fire pit and that middle section of grass was done this week.
- Mark is working with Tim Osowski on vacating the parsonage and they should be out by noon on Saturday 6/15. Dan and Mark will be going in on Sunday to verify everything is out. The carpet is scheduled to be cleaned on 6/20. The Petersons plan to move in the last weekend in June. The lease is effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Gus Geib let Dan know that there are still issues with the back handicap door.

### Ministry Programs

- Lighthouse –the school year ended so things have slowed down a little with that, but they have a weekend mission trip in Madison coming up.
- Vince asked if Lighthouse would like to get involved in doing a contemporary worship service. Dan suggested Vince reach out to Christin Flucke.

#### Pastor Report - Vince:

- Vince was officially appointed our pastor Annual Conference last weekend.
- He feels blessed that he was able to do 2 years of field education here at GAUMC with such strong lay leadership.
- He will be starting Seminary School again in the Fall.
- He wants to continue growing our church and would like to do more community outreach.
- Dan brought up it has been suggested that we do some “cottage meetings” (meet & greets) for people to engage with and get to know Vince better.

#### Staff Report - Stacy:

- A lot of work has been taking place for the Plant Sale, Community Parking Lot Party, & Free Outdoor Rummage Sale. Despite the rain we had on Saturday during the Plant Sale & Community Party, we did some fun and engaging promo on our Facebook page that had a pretty good reach, the flamingo props were a big hit, and even if attendance at the Community Party was not what we hoped due to the rain, we hopefully planted a lot of seeds and will attract people for future events/outreach.
- Stacy is in California next week on vacation and will leave the printed bulletins for 6/23 for someone to swap out. She will also leave the shell for Marilyn Nelson’s funeral next week for Dan to cut and paste in the final liturgy and song choices.

#### Other Business:

- Dave Guse asked Admin Council to discuss our Equal Exchange Coffee ministry. Dave had Stacy place a coffee order that included several bags for the church and Stacy wanted to make sure everyone is ok financially supporting them this way since we’ve been trying to be economical with kitchen and supply purchases due to our tight budget, and the EE coffee is significantly more expensive than what we had been buying to date.
- The church does want to try to financially support this ministry this way, but it was suggested that we put out a Fair-Trade collection basket at coffee hour to help cover the costs. Stacy will create signage for the basket and we will try this for the rest of the year as a pilot and then decide if we want to continue to buy EE coffee for use at coffee hour or not.

There will be no meeting in July. Next Meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Vince led the Closing Prayer.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Jan, seconded by Dan. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacy Peters