

Stacy Grand Ave UMC Administrative Council Meeting

January 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Member	Present	Member	Present
Vince Pepin, Pastor	✓	Jan Young, Treasurer	✓
Mark Grams, Ad Council Chair	✓	Sandy Grams, SPRC Chair	✓
Stacy Peters, Ad Council Secretary	✓	Bob Graff, Trustee Chair	
Dan Benning, Finance Chair & Lay Leader	✓	Jeff Killey, Church & Society	✓
Kay Hamann, Financial Recording Sec	✓	Sue Merrill, Member at Large	

Vince started the meeting at 7:00 pm with an Opening Prayer.

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

Monthly Finance Report - Jan:

- Income:
 - December income was substantially above budget
 - Due to the generosity of a church member, the parsonage rent has been paid in full through December 31.
 - We received another endowment gift in the amount of \$34,550. The endowment is not part of the general fund so this gift is in addition to the income figures shown above
- Expenses:
 - Were \$1,480 below budget
 - We were again helped by the mild weather. The bill for gas and electricity was \$1,184 less than budget. This will likely change in January.
- We have several funds containing money set aside for a special purpose. Three of them have been in existence since Jan took over as treasurer on November, 2022 and have seen neither contributions nor expenses since then. They are:
 - The Helping Hands fund which contains \$95.00
 - The Shared Ride fund which contains \$20.00
 - The VBS fund - \$769.00
- Dan made a motion to move the above funds into the General Fund, Kay seconded; motion carried.

SPRC Report – Sandy

- No report as they haven't met.
- Need 6 people on this team for it to be effective. Dan suggested everyone try to find more volunteers to be on this committee.

Trustees Report – Dan:

- Meeting on Jan 18th & have a lot on the agenda. Will also be electing a President and Secretary.
- Dan is working on a security grant for cameras, better lighting, replacing the back handicap door, new door locks, etc. It is due on the 15th.

Ministry Programs - Church and Society Committee – Jeff:

- They will continue doing the Faith & Fact cards once a month.
- Meeting next week and will start reviewing the new Social Principles.
- Will be sharing a video to be shown for Human Relations Day on 1/18.
- Dan asked what the latest changes were to the Social Principles. Jeff did not know but thinks there UMC communication somewhere that explained the changes.

Ministry Programs - Lighthouse Youth Ministry – Dan:

- Giving Tuesday Spaghetti Supper fundraiser raised over \$14k.
- They served 200 versus the typical 120.
- Silent Auction did very well this year.

Pastor's Report – Vince

- Christmas went well.
- Need to schedule the worship team meeting – looking at the 18th.
- Will be doing ecumenical lent services again.
- Discussion took place around the worship team as Jeff felt some people were offended they were not personally asked to participate or when would be best for the meeting. Vince will address/personally invite the congregation on Sunday.

Staff Report – Stacy

- Busy 2 months with getting our Thanksgiving & Christmas letters out, Giving Tree, printing 2026 giving envelopes, Christmas Eve service and setting up 2026 liturgist schedule, sign-up sheets, and calendar for the new year.
- Also helped Craft Booth promote their Dec Sale & sell bookcases on Marketplace.
- The Conference AC Stats Report is now available and due in Feb, so Stacy will begin working on that and will contact Kay & Jan for the financial numbers needed.
- Dan brought up that we will want to send the second letter to our inactive members in March.

Other Business: Kay shared that the Craft Booth would like to sell items in Fellowship Hall and there have been some discussions on how to handle the money. This needs to be discussed further before they set it up.

Next Meeting is February 12 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Vince led the Closing Prayer.

Motion to adjourn made by Jan, seconded by Kay; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stacy Peters