

**Christ Church United Methodist
Administrative Council Meeting
July 16, 2001**

Opening Time/Minutes

Dan Stokes led Administrative Council members in singing "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" and then in prayer. Minutes for the May 21, 2001 meeting were approved with the following change: Under the Finance Committee Report, the church apportionments should be 13.25%.

Finance Committee Report/Treasurer's Report

Kathy Graham reported that the auditors have completed fieldwork for 2000; it was a "good audit." George Vest reported on highlights of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations (*filed with report*) for the six months ending June 30, 2001. Total expenses were just under 98% of the budget (\$922,066). The preschool program is set up to be self-funding. Its expenses exceeded income by \$6,915, but a substantial amount of deferred income will take care of the difference later in the year. Apportionments, \$98,585, are 13.25% of our income. Administration is \$5,140 over budget; this is a carry-over from the last meeting. The revenue of \$768,445 is just under 83% of the budget; running short around 17% has been a consistent pattern throughout the year. This shortfall is greater than the percentage in previous years. The Balance Sheet shows the cash balance down from two months ago. The church has a line of credit with the Bank of Louisville of up to \$500,000, with \$250,000 more we can draw on if we need to.

Sunday School Report

Jennie Weeks reported that average Sunday school attendance was 587, with 123 leaders and teachers in the Sunday school department. The children's department has 272 on its rolls, with about 180 on average in attendance on Sunday; the youth department has 135 on its rolls, with 85-95 on an average Sunday; and the adult department has 615 on the rolls, with an average Sunday attendance of between 400 and 450. A college Sunday school class meets seasonally. There is one children's Sunday school class for every age level. We have five youth classes, and there are plans for an additional class this year. A young adult Sunday school class will be offered this fall. Other classes include the Newcomers' class and Disciple classes. Two Disciple classes were offered this past year on Sunday mornings, and there are plans for two more Disciple classes in the coming year. Some short-term classes may also be offered. Adult classes vary in size, makeup, and style of teaching. All adult Sunday school class officers' terms now run from January through December.

Trustees Report

Sandy Bock told the Council that the Trustees have updated the Facilities Use section of the Who, What... book; other sections will be updated later. The church doors must remain locked, with only the chapel door and reception door remaining open. It is unclear why the glue on the back of the hall carpet is breaking down; once the reason is found, the problem will be taken care of. A new boiler was bought for the building, and some cornice work was put off so that the Trustees wouldn't go over budget.

Ministry Team Activity Highlights

Weekday Preschool Ministry Team Proposal: Sara Hines presented a proposal that the Preschool ministry team shift its focus to a parent-driven team and start a School Advisory Board. A handout (*filed with report*) detailing the proposal was distributed to Council members. A motion was made that the Council accept this proposal, and discussion included the remark that it seeks to re-establish a board while maintaining a ministry team. The proposal was approved.

Spiritual Formation: Mimi Mulvey talked about the Alpha Program, which is coming to Christ Church this fall. It is a ten-week program described as a "Journey of Faith," that presents core Biblical truths and lets participants learn more about what Christians believe. The program will start August 28, 2001 with a celebration dinner and will meet Tuesday nights September 4-November 6 from 5:45 to 7:45. Dinner will be served at the meetings.

Martha Lewis discussed the Steve Green concert, which will take place in the Fellowship Hall on September 28, 2001. Tickets are \$15 and will be available only to Christ Church members through mid-

August; then they will go on sale to the public. We can only seat 650 people. Steve Green Ministries requests a check for \$8,500 the night of the concert; this has been guaranteed by a church member. Many people will be helping with preparation for the concert.

Habitat House Report: Jim Tennill reported on the house on Baird Street that Christ Church is partnering with St. John and Crestwood to build. So far, we have raised only about half of the \$7,000 needed for our share of building the house.

In addition, Patti Van Treueren is resigning, and the search committee is re-evaluating the Director of Children's Ministries position and considering possible changes to the position.

Pastor's Report

George Strunk said he was grateful for the help and welcome he and his family have received. He is learning about Christ Church, its staff, its leaders, and the direction of the church. The church needs to look at its long-range vision and focus on the "higher vision."

The resignations of the Handys as Worship Team leaders and Ann Furnish as A.C.T. leader were also reported.

New Business

The suggestion was made that we try to get material for the Council meetings, including minutes, out to members before the day of the meeting.

Time of Communion and Prayer

Council members moved to the Chapel for a time of prayer and praises led by Colleen Endres, followed by communion.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Dixon, Recording Secretary