

Charge Conference and Administrative Council meeting January 30, 2021

Attendees: Lisa Martin, Jenny Savage, Nancy Lee, Curt Walton, Pastor Roldan, Amy Devore, Greg Klein, Chris Oldham, Carol Hatcher, Rebecca Yates, Pastor Chuck, Gene Monago, Nancy Harris, Kaitlin Klontz, Mike Murphy, Lee Goldstein, Nora Wright, Pastor Paul, Jon Pollack, Suzanne Pugh, Carol Goolsby, Philip Tate, John McClendon, Pastor Corey, Josh Ponder, Beth Lynn, Ashley Broome, Terry Efird, Tricia McClendon, Pastor Brad, Brenda Hudson, Tyleta Morgan

Pastor Paul called the Charge Conference to order.

Pastor Paul then introduced Jenny Savage as a candidate for ministry from MUMC. After a review of her qualifications and a presentation from Jenny, Pastor Paul asked the Charge Conference to approve her candidacy as recommended by SPRC. The Charge Conference unanimously approved her candidacy.

Greg Klein then presented the budget proposal for 2021. After reviewing our year end results, Greg recommended a balanced budget of \$2,762,500 for approval. A robust discussion followed Greg's presentation. After a motion was made and seconded, the Charge Conference members unanimously approved the 2021 budget as recommended.

Pastor Paul then adjourned the Charge Conference.

Jon Pollack called the Ad Council to order.

Jon and Pastor Chuck presented two proposals from the Finance Committee to use funds from our unrestricted cash reserve for two immediate needs. The first proposal called for a one-time financial gift to full and part time staff members in lieu of raises for 2021. The proposal called for \$30,000 for that purpose. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The proposal was approved unanimously by the Ad Council.

The second proposal was for funds to acquire equipment to improve the quality of our online worship experience and to use Vimeo for better broadcast performance. \$13,282 was requested for those purposes. A motion was made and seconded for approval. The Ad Council unanimously approved the proposal. The money for both projects will be placed in a restricted account administered by the Ad Council as recommended by our auditors.

Carol Hatcher and Ashley Broome presented an update on our Realm platform and did a tutorial for the Ad Council on how to maximize the current experience. Realm will be a key ingredient in improving communication within MUMC and will also facilitate stronger engagement for the entire congregation. We thank Carol for leading the effort to optimize Realm and improve acceptance from our congregation. Thanks also to Ashley for providing outstanding support for all things Realm!

Lee Goldstein presented an update from his task force working on reimagining our Pre School and After School ministries that were closed due to the pandemic. Our objective is to reopen the reimagined version of these ministries in time for the 2022 school year. Lee reported that the task force has begun its work and is doing extensive interviewing and research. He hopes to be able to present their initial findings by the May Ad Council meeting. The ultimate proposal is to be completed and presented for Ad Council approval in August of this year.

Pastor Chuck then offered a closing homily and prayer.

Jon Pollack then adjourned the meeting.