

Wells UMC Ad Council May 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held via Zoom

Attendees: Greg Campbell, Chris Cumbest, Katherine Perkins, Jim Pollard, Jeff Parker, Jason Bobbs, Kay Olliver, Mark Hodges, Jane Everly, Vickie Stewart, Elaine Talbott, Pam Johnson, Keith May, and David Hampton. Guest: Debbie Tonkel-Parker, Ken Simon, and James Mason.

Greg called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the March 1, 2020 meeting were approved.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Chris' Report: The Bishop said, as of now, to worship online through the end of May. Chris invited Debbie, Ken and James to discuss meeting in-person.

A discussion was held on how best to meet during the pandemic. James said that from the conference's standpoint, info will be coming out at the end of the week. Guidelines will be led by each congregation and the city. Debbie said that this is long term and we need to look at live streaming and explore some ways to show videos, hymn words and other materials during the Facebook live worship. Ken agreed with Debbie. Jeff mentioned that we should view the current situation not as a threat, but as an opportunity to grow and reach a world that is not a "churchy" world.

Jim Pollard made a motion to purchase video equipment and Ken Simon seconded it. The motion was approved.

Elaine asked when/what the parameters are for getting back together.

Ken talked about preparing the building for getting back to in-person worship. Discussion was held about the church's air conditioning and heating needs.

Chris talked about creating a LIVE from Wells on Facebook live on Thursdays at 7 p.m. featuring local musicians who have not been able to play live since the pandemic started. The pastor's fund and online donations will provide payments to the musicians.

TMM: They received a grant and are waiting on city guidelines to get back together and distribute food.

Finance Report: Katherine reported that spending is a little more than income right now. April income was \$39,000. Kay talked about Wells receiving the PPP loan from Trustmark on April 27th for \$60,000. It is to be used for payroll, and we have 8 weeks to use it. Kay opened a special account at Trustmark for the loan. Kay also reported that online giving is up.

Trustees Report: Jason reported that Wesley had asked for reflectors for the church gates. They were purchased and installed.

SPPRC Report: Jim reported that they met via Zoom in late March. They are continuing to pay the nursery workers their average earnings with the PPP funds. This is not a good time to increase the staff pay.

There were no reports from the Nominating Committee, Young Adults or Youth.

Chris closed the meeting with prayer.