

WELLS UMC MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2020

The Administrative Council of Wells United Methodist Church met in the Tonkel Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Attendees: Greg Campbell (chair), Lynsey Naugle, Mark Hodges, John Garner, Mac McNulty, Vickie Stewart, Katherine Perkins, Pam Johnson, Jim Pollard.

Staff: Rev. Chris Cumbest, Jane Everly, David Hampton, Kay Olliver, Jeff Parker

Guest: Marguerite Garner

Mr. Campbell called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. McNulty made the motion to approve the October 20, 2019, minutes. Mr. Hodges seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Rev. Cumbest advised that the committee should contemplate appointing a vice-chair going forward. The matter was taken under consideration.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Cumbest reported on the community-building activities of the church including repairs to neighborhood home gutters, fence building (Neighbor-to-Neighbor), the Food Pantry, and efforts to communicate/cooperate with the Georgetown Neighborhood group. He emphasized the need for community member buy-in and participation, rather than a church-driven course of action.

Rev. Cumbest reported that the Vision Group was currently in the process of discussing a strategic plan for the church moving forward and will be making a report to the church on their findings and recommendations.

Rev. Cumbest also advised that he is still in the process of discerning the Lord's direction on how to address the current issues facing the UMC. He said his seeking is to know "Who has God called us to be?" He reminded attendees that there are web sites or communication vehicles devoted to the discussion of the current issues including the UMC.news.org; weslyencovenant.org; and the Mississippi Sojourn group.

Financial Report: Ms. Perkins, committee chair, provided the financial spreadsheets and reported that the church was in the black for the recently completed calendar year, due in large part to income realized from a bequest early in 2019.

Trustees Report: On behalf of Chair Jason Bobbs, who was not in attendance, Ms. Stewart provided the Trustees Report. She advised that the signage project had been completed, fence repairs were in order, and that the church had arranged for an Eagle Scout to provide painting services for the James Club and Serendipity buildings.

SPPRC Report: Mr. Pollard, committee chair, reported that the committee had recommended to retain Rev. Cumbest for the coming year. The committee will be establishing a Safe Sanctuary training for all individuals who interact with children and youth and others who may be interested. He advised that the committee had promised to review the church financial status in March to determine whether staff could receive a raise, since all staff salaries had been held at the present level when salary recommendations were made.

Nominations Report: Jeff Parker, chair, reported that the nominating group had determined to attempt to create lists of potential servers throughout the year, rather than at the last minute, and requested Admin Committee members to provide names of potential servers throughout the year. The full roster of committee members for 2020 was provided in a WellSpring publication previously.

Young Adult and Youth Reports were not presented; however, it was noted that the Youth had participated in activities over the Christmas break.

In other new business, the committee considered setting meetings for the following dates: March 1st, May 3rd, July 12th, September 13, and November 1. Mr. McNulty made the motion to accept the dates; Ms. Naugle seconded. The meeting dates were unanimously approved.

Rev. Cumbest recommended that the church hold a single morning service on Fifth Sundays during 2020. Mark Hodges made the motion to accept the recommendation; Ms. Stewart seconded. The matter was unanimously approved.

Closing: Mr. Campbell closed the meeting with prayer.

The Committee will meet next on March 1.

Minutes recorded by Pam Johnson.