

Administrative Cabinet Minutes April 20, 2016

Present: Del Miller, Larry Swartzendruber, Tim Krahbill, Sarah Gingerich, Nancy Halder, Rosie Hochstetel

1. Church use request: from Art of Living was considered and denied.
2. Robin Gingerich Support: Tim reported on a change in Robin's duties. He made a motion that FMC continue financial support at the current level. It was approved.
3. Torre Fuerte Partnership Renewal: Tim gave an update on the status of Torre Fuerte. The conference asked that supporting congregation consider continued financial commitment. A motion was made to continue at the current level and was approved.
4. Church Parking Update: Diane reported on the progress to reorganize the weekly parking. Time was spent discussing parking guidelines and signage.
5. Football Parking: We had a discussion on the evolution of the Parking Lot coordinators and the Parking Assistants. It was decided to not put either position on the Gift Discernment slate. The Coordinators are secured by the Administrative Cabinet. It was proposed that we create two paid positions for the Parking Lot Assistants. It was generally agreed that because football parking generates significant revenue, we should invest in administering the program. Del will work with current Coordinators to create a job description. He will also oversee advertising and hiring of the positions. We discussed a fixed rate of \$60 per game (for approximately 6 hours of work).
5. Phone System update
6. Computer System update
7. Commission reports

Christian Ed

1. We worked on updating the job descriptions for Christian Ed at our Feb. meeting. We hope to complete this by the end of the year.
2. An announcement was put in the bulletin to assess interest in having Bible school this summer.
3. May 22nd will be Education Sunday when we show our appreciation to the SS teachers and honor our two high school seniors.
4. Summer break for children/youth Sunday school classes will be June 5th through August 14th.
5. We raised the amount to 50% of camp registration for children who learn 50 verses in our Bible Memory program.
6. The MYF sponsors are working on the details for the summer service project to Rocky Mountain Mennonite camp.

Elder

1. Considerable time has been spent discussing the next steps of the 'congregational input' aspect of interim ministry. In lieu of the tentatively planned January (then April) congregational meeting, elders Bill Hochstetler and Marian Schwabbauer have been visiting with adult Christian Ed classes to hear input, with the goal of encouraging people to share on a smaller level. Thus far they've met with 2-3 classes, and will continue to do

so. Opportunity is also being given for written input should individuals not feel comfortable sharing verbally. Gordon has also made himself available to answer questions regarding the questionnaire recently completed.

2. Our representative on the Search Committee, Cheryl Martin Miller, has kept us informed as to the progress of their work. They continue to look at Ministerial Leadership Information papers of various candidates, as well as have email and/or phone conversations with specific candidates, toward narrowing the list to fewer potential candidates. A timetable has not been established regarding inviting or calling a new pastor(s).
3. Jim Grossnickel-Batterton has been filling in during Karla's maternity leave; we appreciate the work he and Gordon are doing during this time. Karla's scheduled return is the end of April/beginning of May.
4. The elders continue to share pastoral care items and spend time in prayer.

Fellowship Report:

Gift Discernment:

Most of the spots on the slate are filled. We are still looking for one Elder, and sponsors for Jr MYF along with a few other slots.

Mission Commission

1. Jim Brenneman has been providing updates on happenings with the Iglesia Zoar mission at Reynosa, Mexico. Pastor Jose will be in Iowa with his family from September 24 to October 3 to re-visit existing contacts and establish new ones. Jim has also been volunteering at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in McAllen, TX offering aid and comfort to newly arriving undocumented immigrant families in need.
2. We are working with MCC IVEP and the Crowded Closet to bring another volunteer to Iowa City from abroad next year. Our host home will be provided by Barb Freyenberger. MCC has matched us with a young woman from India. We await final confirmation from them.
3. We have updated the list of mission partners and FMC liaisons. We continue updates to mission information on our website and the description of mission opportunities in our community.

Stewardship: No report

Trustee Report – April 20, 2016

1. Our last work time was late February or early March.
2. At this time, the trustees dismantled the storage area behind the elevator as per safety inspection orders. What we removed from this area, we repurposed in the north furnace storage area to create more space for custodial supplies and equipment. Torre Forte had been using this space for supply storage and their equipment and supplies were removed

and resituated in the former Fellowship storage closet. Fellowship removed all their supplies to the “Pie” room.

3. One metal storage shelving unit was purchased to provide more shelving space. An old chair cart was repurposed for Torre Forte to stow and move their musical amplifiers and percussion equipment to and from their worship space. The intent of this project was to alleviate the storing of too many supplies and equipment in and around the furnaces.
4. The trustees voted to allow Arnold Christie the authority to contact the necessary persons in the event of furnace and electrical issues. An unknown furnace code prompted this decision.
5. In the very near future, we will resolve a downspout issue outside the Youth Sunday school room. Wind has apparently blown it off the mounts.
6. Brend will request monthly billings instead of a yearly bill for lawn care.

Worship

Worship Commission has been taking on more responsibility for planning worship and related logistics that were previously done by the pastors, and we will continue to do so. During the final quarter of 2015 we planned the advent season with assistance from Mary Forney for whom we provided an honorarium to take care of the many details and Sunday morning coordination. The first quarter of 2016 we planned the Lenten services. One commission member’s last meeting will be in May, and at the end of August, 2 more members will leave. Four members are continuing, three of those staying on beyond the expiration of their terms to provide continuity. Gordon’s last day is July 24, 2016, and under advisement from the search committee, we will plan services through September and likely through October.