

Administrative Council Meeting
2-28-17

Present: David Clark, Dick Cope, Mary Cowdrey, Greg DeSaulniers, Edie Hodges, Ruth Jackson, Jeff Kodis, Craig Luttrell, Shirley Mann

Opening prayer by Pastor Jeff

Minutes and Committee Reports were reviewed and approved

New Business

-Budget Proposal for 2017

Pastor Jeff reviewed the budget proposed. (It has been approved by the Finance Committee.) Expected income this year is approximately \$540,000. This will leave a budget shortfall of about \$150,000. He noted apportionments due this year will be down roughly \$5,500 to #96,400.

Ruth moved to approve the proposed budget. Second by Edie. Motion carried.

-Guidelines for donations

Pastor Jeff reviewed that when donations are given to the Church, the donor can suggest how the money can be used but cannot specifically direct where or to whom it should go. The control of the money and its use is in the hands of the Church. The members of the Ad Hoc Committee present concurred that this policy is appropriate and should be followed.

-Ad Hoc Committee Final Proposal for the Stonewall Bequest

This proposal will be considered at the Church Conference 3-12-17

There was discussion about the make up of the committee members in the future and if membership on the committee would rotate like other committees.

-Justice for our Neighbors (JFON)

Mary Cowdrey discussed that community minded members have lobbied to bring a legal advice clinic here manned by attorneys and volunteers. Our Church would provide office space once a month for 10 months of the year utilizing office space that is currently not in use. Office hours would be (3:30-6:00) Hope United Methodist Church is the fiscal agent for this project. The main areas of focus are immigration and domestic abuse. JFON clinics are in several communities around the state and acceptance of clients is income based. Cope moved and second by Clark to approve the proposed use of office for the JFON Clinic. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Craig

Meeting adjourned