

Special Church Council Meeting, Union Church

June 13, 2010

Present:, Betty Hibler (Vice Moderator & Chair of Church Council), Doug Hindman (Mission & Service Board), Nancy Hindman (Admin. Board), Sally Hindman (Stewardship & Finance), Merlin Kindel (Pastoral Relations Committee), Tom Manning-Beavin (Treasurer), Hazel Morris (Faith Development), Megan Purcell (Faith Development), Nancy Shinn (Nurture & Care), Patti Smithson (Member-at-large), Jan Hamilton (Member-at-large), Wyndee Holbrook (CE Director), Steve Boyce (Properties), Debra Catron (Clerk)

Wyndee Holbrook offered a prayer.

Betty Hibler called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

Betty noted that the purpose of this meeting was to vote on a recommendation from the Administration Board to proceed with an internship agreement with Steve Sherman, a student from Lexington Theological Seminary, to begin September 1, 2010 and end May 21, 2011 at a rate of \$1100 per month. He comes to us with many wonderful endorsements and recommendations. This includes high praise from Deborah Payne who worked with Steve in the Peace Corps.

Steve is studying to be a church pastor. Rev. Kent would be an exceptional mentor for him. Since Steve currently resides in Lexington, he could help Rev. Kent by visiting church members in Lexington area hospitals. Steve could also preach once a month and meet with Berea college students. The final determination of Steve's duties will be decided by Rev. Kent. Any help would be a welcome relief for our pastor.

The Stewardship and Finance board has discussed the possible sources for the funding of the internship. Possibilities include the Council's Living Division Fund, the Capital Campaign Fund (would need to pull from a line of credit), and/or the Lambert Fund.

The Church Council then voted for the recommendation from the Administration Board to hire Steve Sherman. The motion was unanimously passed by Church Council members present.

Sally Hindman made a recommendation to Church Council to fund the internship by drawing \$4400 for the calendar year of 2010 from the Lambert Fund and including \$5500 for the calendar year of 2011 in the 2011 budget. Hazel Morris seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously passed by Church Council members present.

Merlin Kindel of the Pastoral Relations Committee has spoken with Rev. Kent. Kent is a very energetic individual but is overwhelmed with all of the responsibilities expected of him and needs immediate relief. Merlin is arranging for ordained ministers who are members of Union Church to help out with some duties of the pastor. These individuals will be available on an "on call" status for the remainder of the summer.

The August meeting of Church Council will be at 6:00 PM. A carrillon concert at Berea College will follow at 7:30 PM.

Recorded and submitted by:
Debra Catron, Clerk