

Summary of September 15, 2011 Council Minutes

There were a number of upcoming activities discussed, including the visit from former Pastor Dick Soulen, and the dedication of the new dorm at the college which is named after Ira Andrews. Council was told about the Charge Conference on December 1 at our church at 7PM, and the district training to be January 8 at Trinity UMC. It was noted that we will have a retreat on Sunday afternoon, November 13.

Kelly Jones reported the Staff Parish Relations team is examining all job descriptions and were considering eliminating 2 part-time positions to make 1 full time. That is why the youth director position has not been advertised yet. Also, the interim Youth staffing is working well.

Charlie Martin reported that we are up-to-date on all apportionments. There will be an increase in apportionment costs next year so our pledge process will be very important in the next two months.

Council had recommended the Trustees use part of the bequest from Dr. English to donate \$1,000 for the Ira Andrews Memorial. Trustees did do that and gave \$1,000 to A.C.E.S. and \$1,000 to Bobby's House (Ashland charity to fix a substandard residence). Council voted unanimous approval.

Trustees have been working on handicap access issues and several of the changes will be finished shortly. Some of the costs will be covered by the Flippo funds and some funds donated in memory of Jim Jones, Sr.

Tyler Phaup reported that youth programs were strong and there were 30 in their last meeting. He said some people had recently left the group but he feels they may return. Devon Maust explained their planned activities.

Pastor reported he had met with the young adults group and they have some good ideas about broadening their outreach and about service they can do.

There is a small group working on the child and vulnerable adult policy for important clarifications and revisions. Those will be brought to council for approval when they are ready.

Dr. Ed Showalter is assisting us with our communications by having his students do a project that will illuminate what we do now and how we can do a better job. He is also willing to work with us in our retreat on planning and strategy.