

**Blacklick Community United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016**

**Pastor Tom opened with prayer. Karen Mack gave the Financial Report for April.
The Financial Report was approved by all.**

Old Business

The Technology Coordinator will be on a leave of absence for the month of May. All operations involving technology will be deferred to the Technology Committee.

The Trustees have fixed the shower drain in the parsonage as it had started to leak again. They also had a Spring clean-up session, but there is still work to be done. The new air conditioning system that was donated by Dick and Kate Plowman has been properly installed and working.

We are looking into a surveillance system and have received a bid from Hideaway Cable (\$3870.00). This came up due to the amount of technology in the church as well as recent meetings with our insurance agents. We have received another bid from Armada Global, Inc. (\$2000.00) in Pittsburgh (managed by former CIA officers) who specializes in surveillance. This will be taken to a special meeting of the Trustees and will not require council approval since the bid from Armada Global, Inc. is within the Trustees limits. The Trustees will decide whether or not to lock the doors of the church. All options are being considered at this point. There was a discussion about legal obligations in the event of catching someone on camera.

New Business

Penn Lines will be cleaning the power lines along the church property. They will need to spray this year due to the amount of brush. There will be no vegetation for two years where they spray, but grass will grow after those two years.

The Missions Committee has requested to meet on Tuesday, May 17th. This was approved by all.

The Annual Lawn Festival will be held on July 23rd. The council approved this date rather than the 30th to accommodate the majority.

Pam Sees on behalf of the PPR Committee apologized to DJ Rodkey for any hurt they may have caused. Pam also sang a song that calmed everyone. Ross Plowman also apologized on behalf of everyone for DJ having to sit through these meetings hearing how “none of these young people volunteer to do anything.” He also mentioned that DJ was asked to take on the video system project that was not his. He mentioned how much DJ does for this church on top of his many other jobs and college education.

Joan Marshall on behalf of the Faith Promise committee asked to put baby bottles in the back of the church to collect donations for IUP’s pro-choice organization that helps aid young pregnant women. This was approved by all.

Pastor Tom will attend annual conference, so Jesse Larid will be guest speaking on June 12th for the Sunday service. Karen Phillips will be our lay member at the conference.

92% of Johnstown District churches paid 100% of their apportionments including our church.

Erie Alliance Church is asking for old but usable shoe donations.

Jim Hendrix will perform on May 22nd. We encourage everyone to come to the evening concert.

Lil’ Sonshine Bunch Preschool Graduation will be held on May 19th.

Heidi McDonald asked if the remaining Girl Scouts could remove their garden. The council voted to allow them to take what they want to keep, and we will remove whatever is left.

All Current Policies are being reviewed by the Trustees in addition to new policies involving technology. 3 policies were handed out at this meeting. Additions and/or correct will be passed at the next meeting. Please attend the next meeting if you are concerned about these policies.

Attending: Pastor Tom Phillips, Karen Phillips, Rob Dill, DJ Rodkey, Karen Mack, Jon Rodkey, Nancy Rodkey, Leigh Ann Robertson, Haley Robertson, Ross Plowman, Jeri Plowman, Margie Plowman, Dick Plowman, Ron Plowman, Ken Plowman, Pam Sees, Lori Nagle, Kathy Miller, Bob Marshall, Joan Marshall, Roy Duncan, Judee Conger, Clayton Lamb, Heidi McDonald, and Katlyn McDonald.