

SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

APRIL 24, 2018

MINUTES

The following Council members were in attendance: Peter Gante, Crystal DesVignes, Andrew Harper, Yana Frantz, Merle Epperson, Jim Gamble, Marcie Briley, Sanders Hall (for Bonnie Johnson), Maggie Pearce, Mel Guss, Paula Roberson, Susan Fulp, Roger Fulp, John Freshwater, Lisa Potts, Mary Weiss, Lou Collins, David Wilmoth, Bonnie Bihary, Nancy Harris, Brandon Armstrong, Scott Dodson, Betty Tidquist, Lois Craig

Council Chair, Mary Weiss, opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ candle, a devotional on compassion and prayer.

Members were reminded to sign in and pick up the handouts for the meeting. The minutes from the March 27, 2018 meeting were approved as emailed.

The following celebrations were noted: 16 confirmands traveled to Lake Junaluska; Communications Workshop was well received and another one is being planned with additional speakers; successful UMM meeting with Sea Scouts preparing the delicious lasagna; Yard Sale – around \$8,000. profit; Women Together musical program; 37 services during the 7 weeks of Lent; over 1300 in attendance on Easter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Finance: Peter Gante discussed the details of the financial report and answered questions.

Martha's Mission: Marcie Briley announced that the next Fellowship Luncheon was April 25th. A sign-up may be required for these luncheons.

SPRC: Paula Roberson reported that plans are under way to celebrate both Crystal's departure and Adam's arrival.

Education: Susan Fulp reminded the Council of the UMKids musical on April 29th. A pool party will follow the presentation.

UMW: Lisa Potts reported that the proceeds from UMW tea on April 29th would go to the Methodist Home for Children. May 7th is the deadline for roses to honor

mothers. Four ladies from our SUMW, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Lisa Potts, Lynn Rouse, and Carmolene Anderson will attend the National UMW Conference in Ohio.

Contemporary Worship: Brandon Armstrong stated that the Tech booth in the Assembly Hall has been expanded and he is now working with Ellis Guy on additional equipment. Attendance at the 9:45 service is averaging over 200; at 11:15, 80-100. Scott called the Council's attention to the fact that the 9:45 service is already over 80% capacity. This figure is used to indicate the need for additional space.

Missions: Nancy Harris reported that the Yard Sale was great, but additional help was needed especially at the end with clean-up. There are requests for overseas mission opportunities, which the Mission committee will start to investigate.

Youth: Maggie Pearce shared that the youth helped with the Yard Sale and the Fish Fry. The Lock-In was a success. Youth Sunday is May 5th at the 11am service. Andrew Harper added that the Youth are practicing for Youth Sunday, ASP is on the horizon, and Lance is holding 2 training sessions for ASP participants. Andrew will have the youth do a survey on all the activities for feedback to aid in planning for the fall activities. Scholarship committees are meeting.

UMM: Jim Gamble stated that the peanut cooking continues. Because the jars used for the peanuts will not always be available, the UMM will decide whether to use a vapor-sealed bag or to look for another source for jars.

Board of Trustees: John Freshwater gave the Council a 'heads-up': an inventory of the HVAC units indicated that in the near future (2-5 yrs.) \$152,000 would be needed for replacements. The church now has a 3 year full service contract with Piedmont Service Group for HVAC units. The Fellowship Hall has a new heating/air system. Board has received bids for demolishing the Barnum House and also bids for paving the parking lots. According to the wording in the Discipline, a charge conference is not needed to demolish the Barnum House. There are two leaks in Day Care rooms. The warranty will cover the repairs.

Communications: Sanders Hall reported that the new business directory was ready. 2 quotes have been received for a new church sign on front lawn.

Evangelism: Yana Frantz reported for Gay Williams. The outdoor Welcome Center is ready to go. Training for all Welcome Centers guides will be held soon. Training session open to all who would like to learn more about our church.

Child Care: Betty Tidquist reported the following: May 18 half-day pre-school ends; a full-time class for 2 ½ - 3 yr. olds will be opening; three new employees will be hired to fill the part time positions; pictures were taken with live bunnies; the Police and Fire Department have made visits; May 21 is graduation at 7PM in Building 2 with the reception following in the Assembly Hall, Building 3. The new leak was reported to the Board of Trustees.

Pastors' Reports: Crystal stated that Joan Ferrell, our Discipleship Assistant, is doing well. There have been 118 visitors since Easter. A New Members' Class will be held on May 5th. Stephen Ministries' training is every Monday; commissioning will be on June 24th. Guide training for the Welcome Centers will be held soon.

Scott reported on the status on the four goals for 2018. New members are joining the church. Scott encouraged Council members to greet visitors. 50 people are watching services online. The 8:30 and 11 worship services will soon be live-streamed. This is another way to connect with the home bound members of our church. Pastor Ron is working with those who need assistance to view church services online. Stephen Ministry is underway. The senior adults have had one planning meeting. Scott reported that Lay Leadership has met and Yana Frantz is Council Vice-Chair and Marie Hurst is Secretary. There will be an insert in the bulletin for volunteers to sign up for various positions in the church. Military Appreciation Day at Camp Don Lee is May 19th. SUMC is one of the sponsoring churches. It is free. Council members are encouraged to invite active military to attend.

AREAS OF DISCUSSION/DISCERNMENT:

Fund-Raising Policy: Peter Gante stated that the policy was not working and desired the Council input. 50% of groups who held fund-raisers did not fill out the necessary paperwork. After much discussion, the Council deemed the forms important enough to keep and made the following suggestions: add a reminder and prompt on room reservation form to fill out fund-raising forms, all Council chairs become familiar with the form and take responsibility to fill out form, have a supply of forms in the office, be sure all committee members know that forms

must be filled out before any scheduling of activities can be done. Anne is the only one who can do the scheduling; she is the only one with the password.

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Craig, Council secretary

Next Council Meeting – May 22, 2018, 7PM