

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 28, 2018

The following members were in attendance: Mary Weiss, Mel Guss, Marcie Briley, Paula Roberson, Carol Ferry, Andrew Harper, Merle Epperson, Nancy Harris, Brandon Armstrong, Maggie Pearce, Scott Dodson, John Freshwater, Adam Barth, Roger Fulp, Susan Fulp, Lisa Potts, Bonnie Bihary, David Wilmoth, Yana Frantz, Marie Hurst.

Guest: Sanders Hall

Mary opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle. She shared a devotion titled "Beautiful Day, Isn't It?" by Barbara Johnson and prayed.

Members were reminded to sign in and pick up the handout and agenda.

Adam, our new Pastor of Discipleship, was welcomed by the members of the council.

Praises:

- Sanders Hall: Adam put together a handbook for new members to learn about Christianity and the Methodist Church
- Andrew: youth program gearing up with the students returning to school.
- Scott: 105 people attending 11:15 service this past week. We have 250 seats in B3 and we had 242 people in the 9:45 service.

Committee Reports/Updates:

Board of Trustees: Mel Guss / John Freshwater reported that the town will be issuing the permit to demolish the Barnum House on Wednesday, August 29. The leakages in B3 have been taken care of and the contractor paid. The leak in the Narthex roof has been fixed also. A loan is being considered to cover other expenses and we will be creating a prioritized list of those needs. The bank suggests setting up a capital loan account to use money as needed.

Lay Leadership: Roger Fulp: Added 10+ Confirmands

Education: Susan Fulp: Vacation Bible School was a great success with great volunteers. We averaged approximately 150 kids; 195 registered; filled 20 flood buckets; getting ready for UMKids now that school has started.

SPRC: Paula Roberson reported that there will be a couple of positions open in the child care center which will be filled by persons already on staff. No new positions will be created.

Finance: Carol Ferry reviewed the financial report handout through **July 31st**. She also needs budget numbers from committee chairmen by October 4th.

Music: Merle reported that we will be having a children's musical "Holy Moses" in the near future. He asked that we also pray for the right person to be hired as our organist/pianist.

Contemporary Worship: Brandon shared that the services are doing well; 4 people joined worship team, there has been increased attendance. Attendance at the 9:15 service has been above 90 people over summer. Goal for year of 50 or more watching on line has been reached.

Communications: Sanders Hall (reporting for Bonnie Johnson) reported that a Fall workshop in October is in the planning stage. There will be promos in social media on September 9th. Susan Finch will be working with the MOPS (Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers) program coming soon.

UMW: Lisa - WOW Conference in September 29th, 9am - noon. Rachel Moser will be the main speaker. The money raised will go to Crystal Coast Center for Women's Ministry and the Onslow Domestic Violence Center. A flyer will be coming out soon with registration information and conference offerings.

Lay Delegates: Bonnie Bihary and Marcie Briley attended the annual conference in June and delivered reports back to congregation.

Stewardship: David reported that the stewardship campaign has chosen as their focus book, "Enough" by Adam Hamilton. The book focuses on simplicity, which leads to generosity. It is a four sermon series. Key chains may be ordered to emphasize our focus and perhaps some bracelets for kids.

UMW: Lisa shared that if you choose to go to [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) you can set it up that a percentage of what you spend could go to our church. More info to follow on this.

Evangelism: Yana Frantz has planned a new members luncheon September 16 following 12:15 service. Martha's Mission will provide menu. Some committee chairman will be getting an invitation to talk about their ministries. New members will be able to put faces with names of different ministries of the church.

Missions: Nancy Harris: Operation Gratitude makes cards for our troops. This activity only occurs one time a year and she needs one or two people to take this on. In late October/November, someone comes to collect the cards, ships them to California and then overseas to our troops. Nancy is in contact with the various groups to have them share how much they have requested for their budget and getting them to spend it . Prison Ministry is going well.

Pastors' Reports:

Adam: Since his arrival on July 1st, his focus has been to get plugged in to the church and grow in discipleship, which is defined as personal development and building relationships.

Andrew: kicking off the new year after break over the summer - confirmation and youth around 50 people. Maggie-shared activities the youth have been doing since getting back together.

Scott: The Charge Conference will be held on Monday, October 15 at 7pm. The attendance last week was 680, 1/2 of that number comes from attendance at our contemporary worship services. The \$20 fellowship needs to grow among our members. We are having to pull out of savings quicker than we need to.

Four goals for SUMC this year:

1. Start a Senior Adult Ministry
2. Revive the Stephen Ministry
3. Have a minimum of 50 people use our on line services
4. Add 50 new members to our church membership

All of these goals have been accomplished.

Plus, we are in the beginning stages of the MOPS program - Mothers of Pre-Schoolers, Susan Finch is heading up this program.

Financial Peace Class will begin September 9 and run through November 4. Conversation ensued. Nancy Harris is one of the coordinators.

Military Appreciation Day: September 8th at Camp Don Lee from 10-4pm. All activities are free for military and their families.

Areas of Discussion and Discernment:

Merle shared that someone new in the area went on our website and found information about the small groups offered by our church. After reviewing this information, they decided to join the class studying Acts. Kudos to our communications team.

Adam closed with prayer.

Our next church council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie

* correction in bold print (not headings)