

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2018

The following members were in attendance: Paula Roberson, Lou Collins, Gay Williams, Peter Gante, Andrew Harper, Nancy Harris, Brandon Armstrong, Bonnie Johnson, Mary Weiss, Mel Guss, Scott Dodson, Marcie Briley, Roger Fulp, Lisa Potts, Yana Frantz

Guests: Sanders Hall, Tonya Morton

Mary Weiss opened the meeting by lighting the Christ candle. She read a short devotional entitled "Make Up Your Mind, Oreo." Scott Dodson said an opening prayer.

Members were reminded to sign-in and pick up the budget and agenda. The minutes from the meeting on May 22, 2018, were approved as emailed.

The following celebrations were noted:

- The Appalachian Service Project (ASP) was a great success with 59 youth and adults participating
- So far, 80 children are registered for Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- On June 2, a concert was hosted with Paul Colman and members of the Beacon praise and worship team
- A nice "send-off" service was held on Sunday for Crystal as she heads to Durham
- Our new pastor, Adam Barth, is currently on a mission trip with his previous church, but he has moved to Swansboro and will be preaching on July 1. Meet and greet sessions will be July 1, 8, and 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Worship Committee: Lou Collins had no updates at this time.

Congregational Care: Marcy Briley reported that they are working on the fellowship luncheon now called the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM).

Finance: Peter explained the financial report, indicating income for May was \$121,041. He pointed out that all expense categories except one were under 41.667% of the budget (which is where it should be for the 5th month of the year). Only one, Pastor of Visitation, was at 44.71%. Discussion was held on the \$20 fellowship fund and the need to pull an average of \$9,000 per month from the savings account to cover the mortgage. The Finance Committee will continue to study this issue. The Child Care year-to-date balance is \$23,992.

Lay Leader: Roger Fulp had no updates at this time.

Missions: Nancy Harris stated there was an insert on Mission Opportunities available.

Contemporary Worship: Brandon Armstrong reported the Beacon service is going well.

Communications: Sanders Hall discussed the options for a new digital road sign for the church. After reviewing the proposals, the Communications team would like consideration of the 12mm, Watchfire, 4x8 sign, to be installed by Vital Signs of Jacksonville, with brick monument in the amount of \$64,495. The Council agreed that having the sign would be beneficial and discussion will continue on how to fund the project.

UMW: Lisa Potts announced that the next General Meeting of UMW is June 27th and the members will participate in a Sacred Spaces of Community program. In July the focus will be Vacation Bible School. The WOW Speaker for 2018 will be Rachel Mosier.

Board of Trustees: Mel Guss reported that the roof leaks in Building Three have been traced to the A/C drain and the exterior wall. John Lee has recommended that the removal of recoverable materials from the Barnum House be done on July 9. Demolition of the Barnum House will cost \$6,000 and removal of hazardous materials will cost an additional \$750.

SPRC: Paula Roberson discussed the three meet and greet sessions for the new pastor, Adam, on July 1, 8, and 10. The Council decided not to provide refreshments for these three one-hour meetings. SPRC is asking for volunteers to take meals to Adam's home on the four Fridays in July. The committee is revising Adam's job description and establishing goals for him. On July 11 there will be a staff development day at Mac Daddy's.

Evangelism: Gay Williams reported that the Welcome Centers are very successful. Discussion was held on the issue of the children from the 11:15 service having nowhere to go until the 11:00 children come out after the children's sermon. Andrew was tasked with coming up with options and the matter will be discussed in the next staff meeting. We will have Welcome Center information available before and after VBS.

The new retirement center behind Piggly Wiggly has asked the church to provide transportation for some of their residents to come to one or two of the weekly services. Discussion was also held on providing a bible study at the retirement center. Pastor Scott asked Roger Fulp to ask for his father's help in this area.

Discussion was held on inviting new members (or anyone who is interested) to a Ministry Festival in September. Ideas were discussed on catering, booths, etc. More plans are to come.

The Council discussed marking five parking spaces located in the area between Building 2 and 3 as "Visitor" parking. The Council approved the marking of these spaces.

PASTORS' REPORTS:

Andrew Harper: Ten of the 15 seniors in the church were present for Graduation Sunday.

Vacation Bible Study is from July 16-19, 2018 and there is paper and online sign up available.

The fall kickoff party will be on August 26. There will be a family movie night a week from this Friday.

Scott Dodson: There are four goals for the current year:

1. 100 new members: We have 73 new members!
2. 50 people watching online each week: Last week we had 36. There were 92 on Graduation Week. We average at least 50 per week.
3. Restart Stephen Ministry: This past Sunday seven new Stephen Ministers were commissioned. Linda Carlson is the leader.
4. Restart Senior Adult Ministries (SAM): There will be a SAM luncheon where the purpose of the group will be discussed.

Ideas for Consideration:

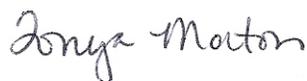
1. Revitalize the Emmaus Community (Walk to Emmaus) for spiritual renewal.
2. Have more retreats for children and adults to promote spiritual renewal.
3. Begin to have missions activities in the church (like ASP). Discuss local areas where our church can participate and be in ministry together.
4. The SPRC and Staff will be watching the movie Hidden Figures. The purpose will be to open discussion on racial reconciliation. After the initial viewing the movie will be shown again for the whole church.

Preaching Schedule:

Adam will preach on July 1 and 8. Then the next week we will begin a new 6 week series on the Old Testament.

AREAS OF DISCUSSION/DISCERNMENT: No discussion at this time.

Andrew closed the meeting with prayer. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Tonya Morton, Recording Secretary