

## SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

March 27, 2018

### MINUTES

The following Council members were in attendance: Marcie Briley, Pete Gante, David Wilmoth, Mary Weiss, Brandon Armstrong, Bonnie Johnson, Susan Fulp, James Gamble, Nancy Harris, Crystal DesVignes, Julie Lee (for Lou Collins), Gay Williams, Lisa Potts, John Freshwater, Merle Epperson, Betty Tidquist, Scott Dodson, Maggie Pearce, Carol Ferry, Mel Guss.

Guests: Sanders Hall, Ray Bihary, Roger Fulp, John Lee

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

Members were reminded to sign in and pick up the handouts for the meeting. The minutes from the February 27th meeting were approved by email.

The following celebrations were noted: 9 new members (7 confirmands + 2 parents); 16 confirmands are in the other class; UMW earned \$800 from bake sale; Wednesday Lenten services were well attended - thanks to Pastor Crystal for securing past pastors as speakers and to Martha's Mission for providing the luncheons; Cantata was beautiful.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Missions: Roger Fulp - over 60 will be going on the ASP trip. He took the confirmation class to Duke chapel.

Nancy Harris - the 3rd trailer for the yard sale has been delivered. Contact Nancy to arrange a drop-off time outside of Sunday 4:30-6:30pm. Newspaper is needed for wrapping glassware at the yard sale – drop-off box is outside church office. Profits from sale will support ASP, Women's Shelter and overseas missions.

UMW: Lisa Potts - \$800.00 profit from the recent bake sale. The UMW annual tea will be April 28, 2-3:30 pm. Hostesses are still needed. One circle is hosting a musical program for all on April 12<sup>th</sup> with Laura & Jamie Thompson.

Finance: Peter Gante - reviewed the financial report.

Education: Susan Fulp - volunteers are needed in 2-year old, pre-K, and 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade children's Sunday School classes and for the nursery. There was a good turnout for the Easter egg hunt. UMKids musical is April 29.

Child Care: Betty Tidquist – Child Care Center is at full capacity and fully staffed. Half-day preschool is ending with the end of this school year (May) due to changes in state laws.

Trustees: John Freshwater - Update on the state of the Barnum house – see areas of discussion below. New leak in the “purple” room strongly suspected to be A/C related. Lynn Rouse asked if Mission Monday group could use Room 13 on Monday mornings since they can no longer use Barnum House. They also need storage space. Council agreed to this request and suggested 3-door closet in the Old FH (AA room) is available for storage. Trustees are also working on establishing another heating/air contract.

UMM: Jim Gamble - explained UMM participation in Sea Scouts program. Easter Bunny was at the Easter Egg Hunt and will be at Day Care this week.

Stewardship: David Wilmoth – nothing to report. Stewardship is good.

Worship: Julie Lee for Lou Collins – nothing to report.

Evangelism: Gay Williams - Evangelism is in the process of building an outside welcome center that will hopefully open in May. They currently have a list of 30 people interested in serving as Guides. Training will be held for them.

Communications: Bonnie Johnson & Sanders Hall announced a Communications workshop for April 14, 9am-noon. Preregistration not required but requested. Details will be provided via email to all. Hopefully, at least 1 person from each committee will attend.

Youth: Maggie Pearce – Youth are preparing for Youth Sunday on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Beacon: Brandon Armstrong - 46 on-line viewers last Sunday. Attendance at 9:45 service has reached 200; 11:15 service has about 70+ attendees.

#### PASTORS' REPORTS:

Pastor Crystal - Joan Ferrell has been hired as Discipleship Assistant and is quickly becoming an expert on the Shepherd's Staff software.

Pastor Scott - 9 people joined the church on March 24. Beach retreat last weekend with 1 baptized in the ocean. We will have 37 services during Lent. We are moving along steadily on the 4 church goals for 2018.

#### AREAS OF DISCUSSION/DISCERNMENT:

##### Storage/Parlor

Mel Guss - Trustees are looking for more storage space and a bridal parlor. Suggestion has been to make Room 34 the parlor since it is a larger room than the front half of Room 35, but before further study, need to decide on space usage in Barnum House.

##### Barnum House

Mel introduced John Lee who has done extensive research on the status of the Barnum House. Testing revealed several different types of mold and fungi that are dangerous health concerns for those affected. A home inspection revealed the house is in need of numerous repairs in addition to the mold problems. Following discussions on the various issues the Council decided by consensus that demolition was the best course of action given the costs involved in all repairs. Trustees will seek bids and oversee the demolition. John Lee said the sewing machines could be removed and cleaned and would be safe for use.

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcie Briley, for Lois Craig