

## **SUMC Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 20, 2019**

The following were present: Pam Castellano, Merle Epperson, Yana Frantz, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Julie Lee for Lou Collins, Bonnie Bihary, Gay Williams, Scott Dobson, Maggie Pearce, Sanders Hall, Andrew Harper, Nancy Harris, Lisa Potts, Carol Ferry, Adam Barth, David Krawchuk, Mel Guss, David Wilmoth, Susan Fulp and Roger Fulp, Marie Hurst

Yana welcomed everyone and lit the Christ candle. We joined together in praying the Lord's Prayer and Yana read the Apostles' Creed.

### **CELEBRATIONS**

- down to one leak
- 46 UMCOR workers are staying in Building 3. They are working on the lower level of Building 2 and on other areas in our community.
- great SAM luncheon today
- 30 people signed up for the SAM trip to see the Rocky Hock Easter play on April 2

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS / UPDATES**

- Pam Castellano - Finance Committee-no mtg since last CC meeting. We are about \$36,000 below our budget and this does not include the apportionment we did not have to pay this month. "Back to the Basics" sermon series began last Sunday with a sermon on Giving. We have not received the \$380,000 small business loan yet due to getting the application processed, but it's coming.
- The cost of the roofs for Buildings 1 and 3 are \$90,000. The roofing company is taking responsibility for the problems we had with Building 1.
- Merle Epperson - Music Committee - The children's choir will be presenting "Holy Moses" on the 1st Sunday in May.
- Adele Hyla-Brewster - Senior Adult Ministries- The SAM Ministry had a celebration luncheon in the Assembly Hall with children from the daycare singing and a presentation from a ranger at the Hammock's Beach State Park. A day trip to Edenton, NC is planned on April 2 to see an Easter play and have lunch.
- Julie Lee (for Lou Collins)- Worship Committee -Getting ready to prepare for Advent services.
- Bonnie Bihary - Delegate to Convention - No report.
- David Krawchuk- UMM President -The peanut ministry is going well. They are continuing visitation for the elderly in our church.

- Roger Fulp - Lay Leadership - No report.
- Susan Fulp - Education - We still need Sunday School teachers for the elementary age group. VBS will be held on July 15-18; the theme is "Tomorrows and Beyond."
- Mel Guss - Trustees- They are making preparations for election of their future officers. They are looking to put in place the office of vice chairman who would take over as chairman the next year. John Lee is currently the vice chairman. Currently, our UMM have had co-chairmen, but Mel suggests that they change that to having a vice chairman who would assume the office of chairman at the end of his term. The architect has provided the 55-page report regarding the lower level of building. Charlie Johnson and Mel will go through that report and make recommendations. John Lee is working on getting the parsonage renovated. The sprinkler system has not been installed because we have had difficulty finding a licensed installer. An Amish work group will be coming to our church through UMCOR may be able to put the sprinkler system in, but there are some details that would have to be worked out. We do not have an estimate of how much the sprinkler system will cost at this point. Another of the UMCOR teams built 62 beds for building 2 in the lower level.
- Gay Williams -Evangelism - The committee was scheduled to meet but had to reschedule.
- David Wilmoth - Stewardship- The committee is hoping to go with the same financial campaign that we did last year, more to come.
- Maggie Pearce - Youth- May 19 will be Youth Sunday. Our Youth Leadership Team will be leading the youth group in a few weeks. The topic for their study will be "What would it be like to live a Christ like life today?"
- Sanders Hall - Communication- The committee has not met yet. He received a call from the Conference to get internet connectivity setup for an office they will set up in building 2. A Church member called and said "thank you" for the online services.
- Yana shared that we have had 3 youth from Swansboro to commit suicide in the past year. We as a church need to work to give our youth hope and joy in every way possible. She also shared that the Swansboro Lacrosse team will have a car wash and bake sale in the lower parking lot on March 2.
- Carol Ferry shared that on Friday, April 5th, the Youth Leadership are planning a benefit for Anne Turnage, to help with her medical expenses. There will be three music groups to perform. Brandon Armstrong's group will be one of them. There will be a small silent auction and a meal.
- Nancy Harris - Missions - The groups are continuing their work. She is also working with a group to collect prom related items (dresses, shoes, etc.) for sale at the Aquatic Center on March 9. The seller will get 60% of the sale and the school will get 40%.

- Lisa Potts - UMW - February 27 will be the call to prayer and self-denial program in the fellowship hall. On March 17, there will be baked goods on sale, some reflecting a Saint Patrick's Day theme. On March 30, the Women of Wisdom gathering will take place with Rachel Moser as the key note speaker. There will also be four sessions available. She attended the Peace Operations Training and has a list of the teams coming to work in our area. There will be 493 workers all together. Groups and committees in our church are asked to check the schedule to make arrangements to serve them a meal or invite them to join an activity, etc. Adele shared that cards had been made and sent to every UMCOR person here.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

**Scott Dodson:** No one from SPRC came tonight, Kevin Frazier, chairman, is going back and forth to Quamico. New office Manager, Alysia Barth- not member of church, works for Scott. Starts Mar 4th. Feb. 23-26 -Special Conference will meet. General conference (worldwide group who write Book of Discipline - meeting in St. Louis. We as a church could agree to disagree, we as a church possess a traditional model and we will stay that way, pass 1 church model-stay together and each one chooses what we believe. Annual conference pastors and laypeople decide who can be ordained. Roger and Yana will go with Scott to hear what bishop has to say. Don't trust the news. As leaders of church, wait and we will have time to respond as we ask for God's guidance in upcoming matters of the church. We need to handle these matters with calmness and grace.

**Andrew Harper:** Youth - On Fat Tuesday, March 5, the youth will put on a pancake supper. Everyone is invited to attend and mingle with our UMCOR team during the meal. He contacted members of the scholarship committees to let them know that the scholarship applications will be sent out this week and made available to our seniors.

**Adam Barth:** - Discipleship - The Lenton Sermons and Luncheons will begin soon. Here are the dates and speakers: March 13 -Jim Brewster, March 20- Rick Moser, March 27- Rachel Moser, April 3 - Jerry Lewis, and on April 10- Jason Leighton. Elethia Green was hired as our new discipleship assistant. The new larger connection cards have been placed in the pew pads. Adam inputs the numbers of attendance for each service and a data base is being built on who attends what service and their demographics, etc. There is also a group of listings on the back of the connection card regarding activities they might want more information about. This information will better help folks plug into the activities of the church. Getting volunteers on one schedule Erin Clagett, is working to coordinate our volunteers through an online program called, "**Whentohelp.com.**" Communication is one of the three major focuses of our church.

## **AREAS OF DISCUSSION AND DISCERNMENT**

Carol Ferry shared that we have \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 left in our hurricane relief fund. Carol made a recommendation to transfer this money to UMCOR to assist with their work to rebuild the homes in our area. The church council members voted by consensus to accept the recommendation.

## **CLOSING**

Yana asked that Pastor Scott close our meeting with prayer. The next church council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie Hurst, Recording Secretary