

Swansboro United Methodist Church
Church Council
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Members Present: Paula Roberson, Scott Dodson, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Jim Brewster, Pam Thompson, Lydia Cauley, Merle Epperson, David Wilmoth, Marcie Briley, Bonnie Johnson, Jay Ahlquist, Susan Fulp, Roger Fulp, Lou Collins, John Freshwater, Bill Eubanks, Ashley Hypes, Sandy Kellum, Terry Proper, Ray Bihary, Bonnie Bihary

Members Absent: Angelo Sanchez, Lois Craig, Pam Castellano, Carol Ferry

Pastor Scott opened by lighting the candle inviting Christ into our meeting with devotion and prayer.

House Keeping – Paula Roberson

-Minutes from January 8, 2016 were approved

-Handouts (SUMC Council Roster with correction for Ray Bihary 252-204-3248, Church Council Ministry Areas, 2016 Budget)

-Please submit 2016 Committee goals and 2016 Committee Meeting Schedules if you have not already done so.

Celebrations/Successes included:

-Youth ski trip; New Member classes off to a great start; Growth Groups are vibrant; Prison Ministries continue; New Contemporary Worship Leader starts first of March; Manna food pantry opened in our church; new Directory happening in March-please schedule your portrait sitting; 6 youth participating in Global Vision; January Comedy night a success; Prayer flags up; order of Worship changed; Cuban refugees made it to our country; finished 2015 in the black!

Update on Ministry Center – Pastor Scott

-Due to multiple extenuating circumstances, final payment on the new Ministry Center has not been made; therefore, no information has been given out. The Finance Committee, Building Committee, Board of Trustees and attorneys have a plan to resolve these incredibly complicated issues in the near future so this project can be closed, issues resolved, and church family made aware.

Update on Exterior Steps – John Freshwater

-Council came to consensus and agreed with the Board of Trustees' decision to repair drainage structure to functional extent, to remove existing block wall and remainder of concrete walk, and to landscape the area. This was the least expensive solution which will cost approximately \$4500.

Areas of Discernment

Financial Report/Updated Budget – Jay Ahlquist

-Reviewed updated 2016 Budget with added line items including New Ministry Program, Children & Youth Leader Training, Childcare for Thursday nights, and new Worship Leader position. Council came to consensus to accept 1,316,448 2016 Budget.

Cash Control Policy – Jay Ahlquist

-In an effort to be more efficient and to help protect people dealing with monies, Council came to consensus to approve the new Cash Control Policy. This policy will be effective March 1 and came about to be proactive and not reactive.

Numbering our Campus Buildings – Terry Proper

-To avoid possible confusion to visitors and to help with prospective campus maps, Council came to consensus to approve the following:

Education Building – Building 1

Sanctuary Building – Building 2

Ministry Center Building – Building 3

Dog Clause – Pastor Scott

-Council came to consensus that the wording of the Dog Clause in the Building Use Policy will read: "Service animals are the only animals permitted inside the sanctuary. Animals are permitted in the Administrative/Education building and the Assembly Hall for such activities as directory pictures/Blessing of the Animals. Any exceptions must be approved by the Senior Pastor/Board of Trustees. It is expected that all animals be under the control of the owner and that the owner will clean up after them." (The parsonage does not need to be addressed since this is building use for the SUMC campus.)

Pastor Scott closed us in prayer.

***NEXT SCHEDULED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016**