

Swansboro United Methodist Church
Church Council Workshop
Saturday, January 9, 2016

Members Present: Lois Craig, Paula Roberson, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Jim Brewster, Pam Thompson, Scott Dodson, Ray Bihary, Bonnie Bihary, Terry Proper, Merle Epperson, Mel Guss, Bonnie Johnson, Jay Ahlquist, Susan Fulp, Lou Collins, John Freshwater, Carol Ferry, Julie Lee, Ashley Hypes
Members Absent: Angelo Sanchez, Lydia Cauley, Roger Fulp, David Wilmoth, Marcie Briley, Pam Castellano, Sandy Kellum

Lois Craig opened by lighting the candle inviting Christ into our meeting with Pastor Scott opening in prayer. He then gave devotion from Ephesians and Colossians and served Communion.

Housekeeping

- Hole-punched handouts were given to update Church Council Leadership Notebooks. If you were absent, copies will be available in the Church Council box. Please keep your Leadership Notebooks up to date!
- Corrections on two handouts: Under Church Committees handout, please remove Tim Stewart from Communications Team (10.) Under SUMC Staff roster, Steve Dyer's phone number should be 910-333-5260.
- Inventory sheets are available if needed.
- 2016 Church Council Calendar of meetings is available. Please be sure you have yours!

How to Run a Meeting – Pastor Scott

In order to have consistency in committee meetings, Pastor Scott asked that we follow the following guidelines:

Before meetings:

- All committee members on the lists should be invited by sending timely notices indicating when and where to meet.
- Please have printed agendas for your meetings and have the necessary information for various items. Pastor Scott suggested that if possible members be emailed an agenda prior to the meeting.
- Try to have meetings on the same day of the week at the same time to make it less complicated. Once meeting times and places are established, print out a yearly schedule of meetings to share with committee members and send it to Lois Craig.

During meetings:

- Open meetings with prayer and lighting the Christ candle.
- Be sure to acknowledge celebrations!
- Business should be decided by consensus, and if anyone is aggressive or disrespectful, ask them to leave the meeting. Once they have left, pray for them.

General:

- All committees should have a Chair, a Vice Chair (who will fill the Chair spot), and a recording secretary.
- The recording secretary should email minutes from previous meetings to members prior to the upcoming meeting. All minutes should be sent to Christy in the office (adminassistant@swansboroumc.org) and Bonnie Johnson (Bonjon9@ec.rr.com) with the exception of SPRC and Finance.
- Anyone can attend meetings (except SPRC), but only committee members can participate in the consensus process.
- Always welcome and invite "new recruits" to become committee members.

United Methodist Church Structure – Louisa Ringo

Louisa explained the structure of our worldwide United Methodist Church with member participation including labels, pushpins and maps – very fun and informative, Louisa! Thank you!

Consensus and Covenant – Lois Craig

- In order for our meetings to work, we must abide by the Covenant, which is scripturally based. We must assume the best about one another and be responsible in our jobs. Please read/re-read the SUMC Church Council Covenant.
- All Church Council members should check their job descriptions.

Thoughts for 2016 – Pastor Scott

- New member classes will be conducted by Jim Brewster in January, April, July and October.
 - March - New Directory photos. Please encourage people to participate! Thanks to Bonnie Johnson for her work on this!
 - May through July, a vision casting called Joel Team will be in place to explore possibilities that our church may be missing to draw people to our church and to make disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - October – Robust Stewardship Campaign
 - Throughout the year – many growth groups, Bible studies, and Books Bible.
 - Other items
- Internal controls
Review in preparation for audits
Need 2 Stephen leaders to re-launch Stephen Ministry Program

As we stood and joined hands, Pastor Scott closed us in prayer.

NEXT SCHEDULED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016 AT 7PM