

Swansboro United Methodist Church
Church Council
Tuesday, June 28, 2016

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

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

House Keeping – Paula Roberson

-Minutes from April 26, 2016 were approved

-Handouts (Statement of Income and Expenditures, SUMC Cash Control Policy, New Ministry Mission named Clothed in Righteousness)

*Due to Charge Conference, please note a change in schedule for our September meeting: Monday, September 26, 2016, **NOT** Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Celebrations/Successes included:

Many new members continue to join; His Hands Extended ministry continues to assist individuals and families in the area; 25 military families in our church identified; Pastor Angelo is serving our Youth Program; VBS coming up July 11-14, 5:00-8:00; Adult VBS offered 6:00-7:30; \$3000 check presented to AME Zion due to successful St. Thomas concert; new Visitation Pastor Ron Gurganus; Gleaning corn this week to help feed hungry in our area; successful ASP trip back with all 49 participants; Fish Fry for Boy Scouts and ASP provided each group \$1650.00; Prayer Vigil for Orlando victims; our Emergency Food Bank/Pantry is put to use on a weekly basis; a New York trip for members to visit 9/11 memorials in the works; Repurposing Committee has agreed on how to use rooms; Classroom #27 should be finished soon for use; Gwen Jackson to head up new library which should be ready by end of October.

Financial Report – Jay Ahlquist

For the month of May, we experienced a surplus which decreased our year-to-date deficit. This brings us closer to break even for the middle of the year.

Gifts and Endowments – Lois Craig and John Freshwater

Members on this committee handle Gifts and Endowments by asking beneficial questions and accept or refuse gifts by the consensus model. A recent gift of a statue of Mary holding the baby Jesus was accepted and will be positioned near the Day Care entrance.

Annual Conference Report – Bonnie Bihary

Bonnie attended the Annual Conference along with Ray Bihary and Marcie Briley. She gave an in-depth report with many celebrations and concerns. Pastor Scott commented on the fact that there will be many changes in 2017 concerning insurance for our staff.

Remarks – Pastor Scott

-The Joel Team has met twice and is working joyfully to cast a vision for our church. Please pray for this process and team as they decide on suggestions on how to better grow our church.

Areas of Discernment**Cash Control Policy – Jay Ahlquist and Carol Ferry**

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard our funds collected after services and events and to implement a proper series of checks and balances. Much discussion ensued concerning this process and who should be responsible for Logbooks and combinations. Finance Committee will review and rework to look at how to best navigate these issues.

Mission Proposal – Jim Brewster

-The purchase of an electronic bulletin board to help communicate with members and visitors was presented. After much discussion, the decision was made to have the Communication Committee and Trustees investigate this possibility.

-Abby Young, a church member and fashion stylist, would like to start a new ministry for women in our area who are starting over in life. Beautiful clothing, prayer, networking and improving self-esteem would be the goals for the women served by this mission. Their only request is a space in which to work. Please be aware of this new ministry proposal as we may need to come to consensus via email.

Pastor Scott closed us in prayer.

**NEXT SCHEDULED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, August 30, 2016 at 7PM
Building 1, Lower Level, Room 13**

***PLEASE NOTE SEPTEMBER MEETING CHANGE OF DATE:
Monday, September 26, 2016**