

Swansboro United Methodist Church
Church Council
Monday, September 26, 2016

Members Present: Lois Craig, Paula Roberson, Pam Thompson, Merle Epperson, Bonnie Johnson, Jay Ahlquist, Ray Bihary, Bonnie Bihary, Carol Ferry, Lou Collins, Susan Fulp, Roger Fulp, David Wilmoth

Members Absent: Scott Dodson, Angelo Sanchez, Pam Castellano, Ashley Hypes, Mel Guss, Jim Brewster, Adele-Hyla Brewster, Sandy Kellum, Terry Proper, Bill Eubanks, Marcie Briley, John Freshwater

Guest: Wes Bergazzi

Lois opened by lighting the candle inviting Christ into our meeting with devotion and prayer. Wes Bergazzi was introduced as the new Church Council Chair for 2017!

House Keeping – Paula Roberson

-Minutes from June 28, 2016 were approved

-Handouts (Statement of Income and Expenditures, SUMC Cash Control Policy, 2017 SUMC Church Council Committees)

-Charge Conference is tomorrow night, September 27 at Northwoods UMC in Jacksonville at 7pm

-Please be working on your 2016 Year-End Reports which are due on our last Church Council meeting of 2016 on December 6

Celebrations/Successes included:

Fall Kickoff for Youth – 102 youth and parents present; 18 confirmands started classes; Vacation Bible School held in July with an average of 150 attendees each night; UMM built two ramps; active visitation program; new Church Directory coming soon!

Financial Report – Jay Ahlquist

For the month of August, we experienced a slight deficit; however, we have a \$9676.87 year-to-date surplus. In September, we made an extra principal only payment of \$41,000. The Child Care Center is more established in the new space and in enrollments and is operating with a \$3,000 surplus each month to help with payment.

Cash Control Policy – Carol Ferry

This policy is working well since last revised, and everyone agreed that it should work well after the wording changes.

Stewardship Campaign – David Wilmoth

The upcoming October "Extravagant Generosity" campaign series is beginning on Sunday, October 2, with a dinner for the Stewardship Committee, Church Council, and Finance Committee. This campaign is geared away from "fundraising" to more of a spirit of generosity and the wonderful gifts that come with giving. All members of Church Council were encouraged to hand in pledge cards! This campaign is all-encompassing, involving mailings, Sunday School curriculum, and Sermons every Sunday during October.

Areas of Discernment

SPRC Report

Church Council came to consensus to approve the recommended 2% salary increases.

Lay Leadership Report – Lois Craig

Church Council came to consensus to approve 2017 Church Committee Roster.

Lois closed us in prayer.

**NEXT SCHEDULED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 at 7PM
Building 1, Lower Level, Room 13**