

SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

AUGUST 22, 2017

MINUTES

The following Council members were in attendance: Betty Tidquist, Bonnie Bihary, Pam Thompson, Scott Dodson, Mary Weiss, Pete Gante, Jim Gamble, Crystal DesVignes, Carol Ferry, Bonnie Johnson, Mel Guss, Marcie Briley, Roger Fulp, Susan Fulp, Lou Collins, Nancy Harris, Paula Roberson, Andrew Harper, Terry Proper, David Wilmoth, Lois Craig

Guest: Brandon Armstrong

Scott introduced the new Council chair, Mary Weiss, and gave a brief explanation for the change in leadership.

Mary Weiss lit the Christ candle, read from 1Peter 3:8-11 and a statement from UMW resolution and then prayed the St. Francis of Assisi's prayer.

Lois reminded everyone to sign in and to pick up the hand-outs for the meeting. The minutes from the June 27th meeting were approved by consensus as emailed.

The following celebrations were noted: the old piano removed, Confirmation and Youth Kick-off ready to go, all attendees of New Member class to join church, successful second soft launch of new worship service, 6 new classes to start on September 10th, successful staff training day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Finance: Peter went over the financial report; church is doing well at this point. All budgets are due September 30th. Carol explained the budget process and volunteered to meet with any chair to advise. Peter encouraged chairs to include explanatory notes for their requests. He also explained that 84% of the budget is fixed, which leaves 16% of budget for programming. The church is working toward an audit with an internal review. The Conference is requiring an audit.

Trustees: Maintenance and utilities are under budget. Tripp and several sub-contractors did water testing on Building #3. Board is waiting for the report to know how to proceed. Air conditioning problems explained and resolved. Tom Scholl is working with the roofers to fix the leaks in Buildings# 1 and 2. Hampton White will install the location maps/signs on our campus. Keys to the elevators

can be found in the following places: Building#3 – in the electrical room on lower level; key is well marked; Building#2 – in the electrical room on upper level, left of the elevator; key is well marked. Swansboro Fire Department also has a key.

Missions: Nancy Harris stated that efforts to increase communication and interest in missions include continued Mission Moments through October and monthly inserts in church bulletins. Missions will continue to encourage people to go on mission trips (Yard Sale funds). The possibility that the Yard Sale could be an Eagle Scout project was discussed. FPU (Financial Peace University) classes maybe taught in the Spring by Nancy and Jim Harris, if their schedule permits.

Stewardship: The three areas of focus for the fall pledge campaign are prayer, service and the \$20 Fellowship. The weekly prayer focus and the mission moments are priming the pump for the campaign.

SPRC: Paula announced that there will be an ice cream social on September 17th, 3-5pm to welcome Crystal. Jacob Padgett has been hired as part-time sound tech to work with the Beacon Services.

Communications: Signs, maps, most brochures, furniture, etc. --- all ready for the fall. Bonnie went over some of the brochures to demonstrate what information was included. Bonnie stated SUMC shirts and hats are available for order on the SUMC website. She encouraged the purchase of SUMC T-shirts as 24 are needed before an order can be processed.

Education: Susan announced that Megan Fahy is the new Sunday School Superintendent along with Bonnie Bihary. Anne Scott is stepping down after 4 years. Promotion Sunday is the 27th.

UPDATES:

New Worship Service: Brandon stated that the launch team is doing well. Terry Proper is organizing folks to serve in various capacities. New service is being advertised through Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and other social media. There have been 2 successful soft launches; third one will be September 3rd; whole church will be invited. He is also working with Ellis Guy, Cathedral Sound and Light, Fayetteville, on speakers, cameras and lights.

Pastor Andrew invited all to come to the Youth Fund raiser on August 27th at noon. All youth activities will begin on September 10th.

Pastor Crystal was pleased with the attendance and commitment of the attendees of the New Member class.

Pastor Scott announced that we now have 63 new members this year (goal is 100). The thank-you dinner for ushers, greeter and guides was well attended. All participants were taken on a tour of the campus. To avoid confusion, Terry suggested that the Old Fellowship Hall be assigned a number.

AREAS OF DISCERNMENT:

Child Care By-Laws were approved by consensus. The Parent Handbook will be ready for approval at the September meeting.

Peter explained the necessity for the Fundraising Policy and Procedure: a way to collect data on events, to determine % of people, cost and profit, to ensure Trustees, church staff are aware of all fundraising events. Discussion included the following: include the sentence, "Exceptions to this policy can be made by Church Council"; office manager, Anne Turnage signs off on form; communicate to the congregation through Scoop and bulletins. As part of the church audit, if UMM uses the church's EIN #, they must pay sales tax. If they have their own EIN#, they don't need to collect and pay sales tax. The Fundraising Policy and Procedure with the exception statement was approved by consensus.

Scott asked for the Council to make a one-time exception to the Building Use Policy for the Crystal Coast Choral Society concert to hold their concert in the sanctuary and to sell tickets for their performance. The music is all sacred and therefore appropriate for the sanctuary. This exception is not contrary to the Book of Discipline. The council approved by consensus this one-time exception.

Marcie expressed concern over the procedure and fees as listed in the Building Use Policy. This is being worked on.

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Craig, secretary

Next Council Meeting – September 26, 2017, 7pm