

SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

MARCH 14, 2017

MINUTES

The following Council members were in attendance: Pastor Angelo, Wes Bergazzi, Bonnie Bihary, Roger Fulp, Peter Gante, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Pam Thompson, Mary Weiss, Paula Roberson, Pastor Scott, Carol Ferry, Roger Fulp, Mel Guss, Merle Epperson, Susan Fulp, Nancy Harris, Lou Collins, David Wilmoth, Bonnie Johnson, Betty Tidquist, James Gamble, Chuck Egerton, *Terry Proper*, Lois Craig

Non-member in attendance: Ray Bihary

Wes Bergazzi began the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle and giving a devotional, followed by prayer. He introduced those new to the Council and encouraged everyone to make them feel welcomed.

Lois reminded members to sign-in and pick up the handouts. The minutes from the Council Workshop were approved by consensus as emailed. The 2017 goals are being updated.

Wes asked that the Committee chairs give up-dates. The following was reported:

- FINANCE (Peter Gante) – Preparation of balance sheet for audit and the inventory for insurance purposes have been completed. Peter explained the January and February, 2017 financial summary. Finance Committee will review church's financial situation/budget every quarter.
- COMMUNICATIONS (Bonnie Johnson)– Results of the church-wide recent survey will be posted on website. Copies will also be available in the Narthex. The congregation indicated that announcements and emails are the most favored way of receiving information. The church's logo and bulletin are in process of being redesigned. More information on Welcome Centers at April meeting.
- MISSIONS (Nancy Harris) – All mission *leaders have updated and shared their purpose and goals. The Mission committee goals are to support the current missions and advertise so church member can get involved.* This information will be on the website to encourage the congregation to get involved in missions. Budget funds have been dispersed as needed.
- EVANGELISM (Terry Proper) – Follow up continues for 1st and 2nd time guests.

- SPRC (Paula Roberson) – The following report was given: Andrew Harper, Director of Student Ministries, will begin the end of May. Brandon Armstrong will go full time this summer. Christie Denham's last day is 4/25; Ann Turnage will join office staff on 4/03 to be Christie's replacement. Christy Watson's last day was 3/14. Pastor Scott will announce the name of the Pastor of Discipleship on 4/23.
- CHILD CARE BOARD (Betty Tidquist) – The by-laws and MOU's are being updated; 2017 goals formulated. Members discussed the merits of changing the name of the board since it no longer functioned as a 'board of directors'. It was decided by consensus that the new name be 'Child Care Advisory Committee'.
- UMW (Adele Hyla-Brewster) – An invitation was extended for all to attend the UMW General meeting to learn about women Marines as missionaries. Carpet and bookshelves for library is in process; leftover kitchen money used for this expense. The need for a central information point – Welcome Center- was emphasized.
- EDUCATION (Susan Fulp) – One of their 2017 goals, to have one activity to attract the unchurched in the community, will be held on 4/01 – the 5-K run to raise funds for the Methodist Homes for Children. To encourage continued Christian education at home and to further connect parents, children and SS teachers, the Education committee has created a newsletter handed out to parents on Sunday. This can also be mailed to absent children. Needed – middle-school and high school teachers and helpers.
- STEWARDSHIP (David Wilmoth) – Results of Stewardship campaign - \$652,000. In pledges; 175 involved in \$20. Fellowship.
- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES (Merle Epperson)—Trumpet Concert on May 7th. Please contact Steve Dyer to check out audio/visual equipment at least two days before a meeting.
- TRUSTEES (Mel Guss) – Update on repairs at April CC meeting.
- UMM (Jim Gamble) – Plans in process for Easter Breakfast
- PASTOR SCOTT – The new worship service will begin on September 3rd at 11:15am. Results of survey indicated the need to keep the 9:45am service. New SS classes will begin at 9:45am, Sept. 3rd for those interested. A launch team for the new service is in process. The preaching schedule is to be determined.

Other business: SECURITY TEAMS – Terry Proper and other law officers did a security assessment of our campus. Several suggestions were made and have been addressed. Pastor Scott gave background for the security assessment and emphasized that we must be aware of the world in which we live. He has answered many questions from the congregation. Pastor Scott clarified the following: church is not encouraging security team to carry weapons, just communication devices. Some people in church have concealed permits and do carry. Weapons are not allowed in buildings if there is a ‘no weapon’ allowed sign. Terry stated the need to establish medical response teams.

We thanked everyone for their reports and encouraged all council members to read the Joel Team report. Council members were also instructed to share council information with their committee members.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Scott suggested the combining of Evangelism and Stewardship to form Making Disciples Committee. The focus of this committee would be a how-to-process to lovingly take a 1st time guest to being a committed, involved member of our church. Another aspect of this committee would be to intentionally walk people into discipleship through participation in Methodism 101, Discipleship groups, SS classes. Further discussion will be held next Council meeting. Pastor Scott challenged the council members to email him the names of two people to be on the Evangelism committee.

Pastor Scott closed the meeting with prayer at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Craig, Council secretary

Next Church Council Meeting – April 25, 2017, 7:00pm