

**SUMC Church Council Minutes**  
**April 24, 2019**

Adam opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

Present: Adam Barth, Pam Castellano, David Wilmoth, Lou Collins, Ray Bihary, David Krawchuk, Carol Ferry, Andrew Harper, John Freshwater, Kevin Frazier, Merle Epperson, Sanders Hall, Marie Hurst

Adam shared a short devotion on “The Purpose of the Book of John”. Jesus did many signs in the presence of his disciples but he did others that were not written in John. This should make us think about the things John did not write about that Jesus did that the world may not have deemed worthy to be written down by the writer, but were important during the time in which they were done. Let us be reminded that all the things we do in our church and in life have a purpose and we should be mindful of this as we go about our daily lives.

Prayers for prospective lung donors for Anne Turnage and Kevin Frazier’s neighbor.

**Celebrations:**

Over 1,000 in attendance at all of the Easter Services (in church and online).

SPRC Covenant Meeting will be April 29th at 6:30 with our new pastor, Kevin Baker. On May 2nd, there will be a transitional meeting in Garner.

**Committee Reports:**

David Wilmoth- Stewardship: no report

Lou Collins- Worship: no report

David Krawchuk- UMM: Peanuts ministry is ongoing. Seventy were fed at the Easter breakfast.

Kevin Frazier/Adam Barth-SPRC: We have two applicants for the contemporary worship leader position. To date, Trish has been leading in the contemporary services. The second applicant, Mya, will be leading a service in the near future. The final decision for this position will be announced in August.

Merle Epperson- Music: The Children's Musical, “Holy Moses” will be on Sunday, May 5th at both the 8:30am and 11:00am services.

Adam Barth: There will be no communions in May.

Pam Castellano- Finance: At the end of the first yearly quarter, we have a deficit of \$31,863.00 in expenses. \$22,500.00 will be moved from Childcare to contributions. The final payment of \$60,000.00 will be paid to the remediation company for hurricane damages. The total amount for all the work was \$105,000.00. The Apportionments will not be paid for the 2nd quarter through June 2019. The Small Business Association loan will not be pursued.

John Freshwater-Trustees: The donations made for the repairs to the parsonage will cover the expenses. We plan to rebuild the sacristy. Mel Gus and Charlie Johnson have looked at the insurance claim which budgets \$7752.00 for this work. A suggestion has been made regarding the layout of the cabinets and the rebuilding process. We have a church member who may be able to help us with this project.

We have work to do regarding our parking lots which need remarking and potholes which need to be paved. The driveway off 24 to upper level has some issues and it is a very expensive project. We may look at other options to move the driveway if it proves feasible.

Building 2-Sprinkler system status: there is water to the building and now we are waiting for the company to connect the system. The sprinkler system installer has sent the application to the town.

UMCOR send a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to the church with several items that John and Pastor Scott saw as needing clarification on.

The church withheld \$12,000.00 (for other damages that occurred to the Pastor's office and a bill from Barnes Carpet) from the roofer's total bill of \$95,000.00. We have already paid \$31,000.00 and our final payment would be \$64,366.00.

Tripp Eure, the architect we have been working with for the Building 2, provided the design for the sprinkler system. SUMC paid our half of the fees and UMCOR is responsible for the other half in the amount of \$2231.00.

The Trustees have discussed selling the parsonage and giving the lead pastor a housing allowance. This would mean that the church would not be responsible for the upkeep, etc. of the house. However we cannot consider selling with new pastor coming on board for 2019-20. The budget has already been established for 2019-20.

On May 7th at 6:30pm there will be a special charge conference to discuss the pastoral salary adjustment. It will be held at the church in Building 2 with the Superintendent presiding over the meeting. The entire congregation will be encouraged to meet and more fully understand this issue.

John said that the Trustees are still trying to prioritize the spending. The half million dollar credit line is going to have to be used to put things back like we want it. The number 1 priority is the sacristy, then the parking lots; while the parsonage will be self funding.

There are also several ceiling tiles in the building that need to be replaced.

### **Pastor Reports:**

Andrew Harper:

Youth Sunday/Confirmation will be at 9:45am and 11:00am on May 19th; the youth will be leading during all the services. Graduation Sunday will be June 9th.

The Church Scholarship Committee awarded 11 scholarships to current seniors and re-awarded another scholarship to a former graduate.

High School Sunday School has not been well attended; so they are going to try a new time on Sunday morning: 9:15am to 9:45am. It has not been decided when this new time will be implemented.

Adam Barth: Adam has been working on the preaching schedule. Tim Russell, assistant to Bishop Ward, will be preaching on June 2nd at the 8:30am, 9:45 and 11:00am services. Adam is looking for someone to preach on June 16th.

The Planning Center is changing over to a database with updated information on our members. Our office staff is working diligently to update all the info and expand as needed with tracking our membership in many different avenues.

We need a database that works well and can give our new pastor a more efficient direction to move toward as he leads our church. Are we focusing on the right things, etc.

**Other Comments:**

Sanders Hall:

One Harbor Church has 4 campuses coming together with their youth and others to rebuild homes in the Morehead City area during the first week of August.

The Evangelism Committee is putting teams together to visit homeowners in the area whose homes are being repaired.

The ASP Team will be commissioned on June 15th prior to their departure.

The Annual Conference will be held in Greenville, NC on June 12-15. Only delegates can vote but anyone may attend the meetings.

We will vote on our delegates to go to General Conference in 2020.

Pastor Adam closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 7pm.