

SUMC Church Council August 28, 2019 Minutes

Present: Yana Frantz, Gay Williams, Carol Ferry, Mel Gus, Kevin Baker, Joanne Kopanski, Roger Fulp, Becky Dorris, Kevin Frazier, Adam Barth, Sanders Hall, David Wilmoth, Marie Hurst

Yana lit the Christ Candle, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. She also shared a scripture reading from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Marie reminded everyone to sign in and pick up the agenda and July financial statement.

Celebrations:

- Family Beach Bash, good attendance, lots of fun and met new folks visiting at the beach
- Youth meeting for the beginning of the school year was very invigorating
- School started with no glitches
- Sprinkler system working in Bldg 2 now

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Carol Ferry:

- Provided the July financial statement
- For the month of July, we were \$15,000.00 in hole; for year \$12,000.00.
- Only 1 month of apportionments paid.
- Missing 2 positions we would have been paying for.
- We have a positive outlook but if we keep paying apportionments we may get behind again.
- Child care center doing great with their finances.
- Review of internal controls will take place during the October - November time frame
- Committee budgets due September 30th to Carol
- October 6th will be the 1st Budget meeting at church

SPRC:

Kevin Frazier shared that:

- We have a new worship leader Leah Czanderna, who will start October 1st.
- Becky Dorris will be retiring from our Child Care Center.
- There will be a retirement celebration for Becky on Saturday, September 28th in Bldg 3 with a BBQ/pot luck
- Salary adjustments are being reviewed
- Discussing salary increases at the next meeting
- Discussing with Pastor Adam the Youth Minister position
- Pastor's Cottage Meetings/Listening Sessions will begin in September

Evangelism:

Gay Williams shared that:

- The committee is an enthusiastic group who are fine tuning their activities and looking at new things to come

Education:

Roger Fulp (for Susan Fulp) shared that:

- Sunday School teacher appreciation luncheon had good participation
- Schedules are being made for upcoming events: Advent wreaths, etc.

Stewardship:

David Wilmoth shared that:

- The committee is working on the new stewardship campaign
- Communication about the campaign will be shared in September, 2019
- The information to be shared is based on the book, "Enough"

Communication:

Sanders Hall shared that:

- The new church website is a work in progress, but progressing very well
- Working to streamline other process involving the website
- There may be plans for a concert in December
- This is the 1 year anniversary of Hurricane Florence updates; there are those who still need help
- Great progress on the new directory as it is in its beginning stages

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Adam shared that:

- The Youth have been his main focus for the past month
- FLY is the focus: Faith Lifting Youth
- He has been reviewing the Pop culture for songs about flying- songs to build lessons out of
- Planning in progress for upcoming youth events
- Pastor Adam has moved to next level of ordination for our Conference-keep him in our prayers; there are more interview for him at the end of September

Pastor Kevin provided a handout and shared that:

- Lay Leadership Committee is a focus right now. Survey information will be brought to this committee so they can prayerfully review the information and make decisions as to whom they should call regarding certain positions to be filled in our church
- Charge Conference will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 7pm at SUMC
- Upcoming Worship/Sermon Series will be starting on September 8th titled, "Discover the Journey"
- Four sermon stewardship series will begin in October based on Adam Hamilton's book "Enough"
- We will be launching a 6-session Discipleship "on boarding" process that will be held in Building 3 on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 24th from 6:30pm-8:00pm
Interactive learn each other's stories
- Congratulations and a big thank you to Bonnie Johnson and Sanders Hall for all their work on our new church website which will be online in early September

Areas of Discussion:**Trustees:**

Mel Gus shared the following information:

- The Joy Sunday School class made a request to have some help in making the Fellowship Hall more suitable for having their SS class in there. The Joy Class has been working to get some prices for carpeting and other updates for the Fellowship Hall for the Trustees to review
- The Fellowship Hall is getting to be an important asset for church, so don't want to overload it. We need to improve the acoustics and lighting. The Joy Class is requesting a corner of the room with a temporary wall. The Crystal Coast Choral Society would like to get back in that room every Tuesday, September till Spring. There is an offer by the CCCS leader to pay for a lift to get new lighting in the FH.

- Lou Collins shared the status of the Sacristy - she has contacted some contractors to give estimates on cabinets and will bring this information to Trustees when she gets it
- UMCOR is requesting to use the peanut cooking kitchen and AA room for team cooking and dining area. Mel created this list of considerations:
 - The number of volunteers who may be in the AA/dining area at one time may be a concern
 - He doesn't see a conflict with UMM and their peanut cooking times. The UMM only cook every 2 weeks.
 - Teams provide their own cooks and cleanup.
 - Serving area needs to be near kitchen which is a problem downstairs in Building 2.
 - They could continue using the Day Care kitchen - serve meals in assembly room OR use peanut room for cooking and use AA room for serving room.
 - There is no stove in the peanut kitchen and no cooking utensils.
 - Could be a conflict with the AA group which has meetings Monday - Friday at 7:45pm
 - They would have to get a commercial stove and there are wiring needs
 - May have to change cooking times. Deep fryers are on rollers and may be able to store in large room where they store jars and peanuts.
 - Put health certificate in jeopardy, some individuals want to cook their own meals and cant' in the big kitchen, our youth and other demands on Bldg 3.
 - have to leave doors open when volunteers have to come in which makes other areas not secure in the Day Care
 - Old day care cabinets are empty, but may need additional refrigerator
 - We need to get some input from the AA leader
 - All agreed that our church needs to help UMCOR as best as we can

The recommendation from the Trustees is that the UMCOR volunteer use the Peanut Kitchen and adjacent AA Meeting room.

The Church Council members came to consensus and are in agreement with the Trustees

Status of parking lot:

- John Freshwater got a list of requirements for parking lot work. The needs must be put in priority order. Trustees will address this at their next meeting.

- H&H Lawn care. Lynn Rouse spoke to H&H contact who she knows and he said he could stripe the parking lot.

Yana shared:

- We still have a problem with there not being enough handicapped parking. Some of vehicles currently using theses spaces do not have any handicapped identification tags/hanging IDs. —
- Perhaps we need to remind folks in multiple communication venues to not use HP unless you have the proper identification. Maybe put a cone out there. Lines are very faint and some have more than one color. Yana will get a couple of cones.

Pastor Kevin share a new Budget approach:

- Think of \$0 as your based budget. What is your actual spending? What are your new expenses?
- If anyone needs help with their budget contact Carol.

Yana closed the meeting in prayer at 7:55pm

The next SUMC Church Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 30th at 7pm in the Choir Room.

