

SUMC Church Council July 10, 2019 Minutes

Present: Lisa Potts, Adele Brewster, Merle Epperson, Lynn Rouse, Lou Collins, Gay Williams, Susan Fulp, Yana Frantz, Roger Fulp, David Krawchuk, David Wilmoth, Kevin Baker, Adam Barth, Pam Castellano, Kevin Frazier, Carol Ferry, Joanne Kopanski, John Freshwater, Sanders Hall, Marie Hurst

Yana opened the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle and welcoming everyone. Yana began our opening prayer and Pastor Kevin closed.

Marie reminded everyone to sign in and pick up the agenda. Carol Ferry passed out a copy of the June budget and Adele Brewster shared a sheet with the current events for SAM-Senior Adult Ministries. Marie also asked if everyone was getting the emails with church council information; no one is having any difficulty.

Celebrations:

- * 60 attended ASP trip to West Virginia, 8 teams of 7 or 8 kids and adults
- * VBS fully staffed
- * Feeding the Faithful actively providing meals to those in need
- * Christy Williams going home from rehab

Committee Reports:

Worship:

Lou shared that the committee is revisiting bringing the contemporary and traditional worship committees together into one. This would make things work more efficiently even though they have separate budgets. She has also gotten estimates on cabinets and is looking to find someone to complete the work in the sacristy.

Music:

Merle Epperson -Al K. will be performing a trumpet concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 18 at 3pm.

Trustees:

John Freshwater reported that in Building 2 the HVAC unit is 19 years old. The company will apply the repair service costs to that of a new one. The cost will be \$18,507.00. They gave us the \$3200.00 for service repair credit. The finance committee has approved this expenditure.

Lynn Rouse shared that Ryan Holland had agreed to paint the strips and handicapped lettering in the parking lot last January. If he is still willing to do this, the church will supply the paint. There was a question as to the spacing for the handicapped areas. This information, as well as, how many spaces we are required to have in our parking lots will be reviewed by John.

We have members who are in wheel chairs who need handicap parking spaces. It may be that we can mark some signs explicitly for those with wheel chairs. Lynn has a copy of the regulations from the Swansboro Town Hall for the number of spaces required by the state.

The Highway 24 access into the church parking lot is an ongoing issue. The Department of Transportation was contacted and this issue is a part of their long term plan (10 years or less). Do we want to come up with a plan to work with the DOT longterm plan or do we want to go ahead and work on the entry to church access from Hwy 24? We are still studying this issue.

The sprinkler system in Building 2 is in place and now we just need the Certificate of Occupancy from the town in order for our UMCOR Volunteers to move in there.

SPRC:

Kevin Frazier shared that the reception for Pastor Kevin went well, over 350 members present. The committee is in the final stages of filling the position for the contemporary worship service leader. This position is a full time position, with a salary rate starting at \$40,000.00. There are no benefits, but will receive a 403B annuity after 1 year of employment. The Cottage Visitation with Pastor Kevin will begin after VBS and summer vacation. Volunteers will be asked to invite church members, guests to their home where they will be able to meet with Pastor Kevin and he can get to know the folks in our church and area and they will be able to get to know him and Denise as well. The committee is looking now to add one more member to the SPRC.

Stewardship:

David Wilmoth-No report

Evangelism:

Gay Williams stated that there was a moderate turn out for the church picnic last month*, but they are planning for another church wide picnic in October.

United Methodist Men:

David Krawchuk shared that the UMM have a VIP program with 17 shut-ins and for those members in nursing homes. They meet with these folks on a monthly basis. Peanut sales going well. They have been doing some work in the parsonage this month, pulling up carpet, etc Their July meeting will be at the American Legion Building with Pastor Kevin as their speaker. The August 21 meeting will be a trip to see the Kinston Woodducks play baseball with a stop to have BBQ before the game.

Missions:

Lynn Rouse shared on behalf of Chairman Nancy Harris that lots of work is going on with missions. MANNA is collecting food. There is a great need to replenish the food pantry in the church; frequently lots of folks come by the church requesting food items.

Finance:

Pam Castellano shared that the committee had approved the purchase of a new HVAC unit for Building 2. Additional parsonage repairs (not hurricane repairs) have been funded. As of July 1 we will begin to pay our apportionments. Funds have been moved from the child care budget in the amount of \$22,500.

Senior Adult Ministries (SAM):

Adele Brewster shared a sheet with the upcoming events for SAM. Their goal is to set up a calendar for events to help folks put these dates into their schedules so they can attend.

United Methodist Women:

Lisa Potts-UMW: The nominating committee is working now to fill leadership positions. The original library proposal is being revisited to get our library in proper working order. Lisa said she would change the meeting date of the UMW from the 4th Wednesday of the month to accommodate the Church Council Meetings.

Disaster Recovery: Lisa is now working with Onslow Strong Recovery. Golden Leaf has grants to help churches with disaster relief. Carol will look into this and see if we may be able to apply.

Education:

Susan Fulp shared that VBS is getting ready to blast off next week. So far our preregistered numbers are 77. We are thankful for volunteers and all the supplies being donated. God is good. We are still in need of SS teachers for the 2 yr old and pre K classes. Family ministries is planning the annual Beach Blast in August. Everyone is invited to come out for a cookout on the beach.

Lay Ministries:

Roger: No report

Communications:

Sanders Hall shared that since the June 30 incident he has turned off many of the inappropriate comments from our website/FB page. He has already filed 12 police reports.

Budget:

Carol Ferry shared the June budget report. On Friday Sept 27 at 6:30pm there will be a retirement party for Becky Dorris in Building 3. Becky has work with our child care for 32 years. She is greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Adam has been able to re-shift his focus on discipleship now that Pastor Kevin is here. He is continuing to work on the directory. The Planning Center contains 1100 members' info. There are lots of names but the data base lacks their addresses and phone numbers. Please email or call the church office and ask to speak with Elethia. She will add your info. You may also send her a selfie (headshot only) to be added to your information. This will help Pastor Kevin to put a name with a face. There is an App you can add to your smartphone which can connect to the church website which connects with the Planning Center. When you update your info on the website, it will automatically update it on the Planning Center. Pastor Adam is excited to support Pastor Kevin in the ministries of SUMC.

Pastor Kevin and Denise are very thankful and appreciative of the wonderful welcoming gestures to the Swansboro community and SUMC. He is available and glad to speak with anyone who has questions regarding church issues.

Tim Russell came on Monday, July 8th to facilitate training for our staff. Pastor Kevin feels they are bonding together as a team along with the lay leadership of the church. He is looking forward to the small Cottage Meetings in the Fall. He and Adam are planning a 4 sermon series to begin soon. He will also be working with David Wilmoth and the Stewardship Committee as they begin the campaign for the Fall.

Pastor Kevin will be glad to help any church committees with their planning goals and visions. He will also need help with the planning that must take place at SUMC to prepare him to attend the Conference.

Pastor Kevin will be sending out via email some basic questions to all committee chairmen about how their team is doing, what are your needs, how long have you been serving, will you serve again.... Are there others in the community who are willing to serve? There will also be a "Survey Monkey" sent out for teams to evaluate themselves and to review the data collected.

Areas of Discussion and Discernment:

Yana shared that she had been approached by folks from the 11:15 contemporary service as to whether the video sermons would continue. Pastor Kevin responded that they would not. The reason for the current video sermons was to accommodate some special circumstances.

After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the Church Council Meetings be moved to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Choir Room.

Here are the dates for the remainder of 2019 for Church Council Meetings:

August	28
September	25
October	23
November	27 (the 28th is Thanksgiving)
December	25 (Christmas)

Adjustments will have to be made for November and December.

Pastor Adam closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Hurst, Secretary

*Only one update submitted on 7/11/19 8:43pm by Gay Williams