

SUMC Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2019

Present at the meeting: Yana Frantz, David Wilmoth, Nancy Harris, Lisa Potts, Bonnie Bihary, Merle Epperson, Gay Williams, Adele Hyla-Brewster, Adam Barth, Andrew Harper, Sanders Hall, John Freshwater, Lou Collins, Pam Castellano, Marie Hurst

Yana lit the Christ candle and welcomed everyone to the meeting. We prayed the Lord's Prayer together and Yana shared the reading of the Apostles' Creed.

Marie asked everyone to make sure they signed in and picked up the agenda and financial handout.

CELEBRATIONS OF JOY:

- Bake sale this past Sunday raised \$1300.00 towards the UMWs general budget.
- Gaga Pit was made by the youth in the location of the former Barnum House.
- Adele and 7 others went to the Racial Justice Event, a UMW sponsored event.
- Work teams doing great work in community. There have been some front page stories in local news papers about this work and more will be coming.
- Ten 18-20 year old marines have joined the local work group and now there are 22 people working on the local team.
- Cards still being made to share with volunteers to say Thank You.
- Lenton messages and luncheons going very well.
- SAM ministry is going well with lots of interest by our senior adults.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATES:

Lou Collins: The Worship Committee met and are preparing for upcoming services.

David Wilmoth: The Stewardship Committee will meet soon to discuss the financial campaign to come.

Nancy Harris: The Missions Committee is continuing their work. The prom dress event did not go as well as they would have liked but they gathered some info for any future plans with this idea.

Lisa Potts: The UMW went to Richlands UMC on Saturday for a Mission study. The WOW event on Saturday, March 23 will feature Pastor Rachel Moser as the main speaker with several sessions available for those attending. The Spring Tea scheduled for May 4 will be cancelled this year. There are 55 houses still on the list for renovation. 66% of the homes on base were damaged during Hurricane Florence. The church bulletin has a featured focus each Sunday on UMCOR and the statistics of the current conditions.

John Freshwater: The Trustees Committee shared that the church would not be getting the small business loan. The SBL group kept changing the requirements and requesting more information every time we provided the information they requested. All the roofs on our buildings have been fixed. The roofing company took responsibility for the damage done to the

building and covered the costs. The sprinkler system cost for Building 2 downstairs is \$35,000.00. We have contracted with a contractor to do that job. The Bishop is matching some of our funds to help us with this. We got 150,000 from insurance company so far, we may have a little more coming later.

Bonnie Bihary: Delegate to our annual conference: No report at this time.

Adele Brewster: SAM- Our Senior Adult Ministry is doing very well. Lots of people are loving this program. Each month there is a movie for the group to gather and watch at the church.

Pam Castellano: The Finance Committee is continuing to monitor our budget. Currently we are approximately \$54,000.00 below our budget in 2019. We did not pay our apportionment for January or February.

Gay Williams: The Evangelism Committee met and are planning a “New Member Luncheon” on May 19th.

Merle Epperson: The Music Committee is looking forward to the children’s musical “Holy Moses” is coming on May 5th at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. The cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday, May 14th.

Sanders Hall: The Communications Committee hasn’t met yet. They are filming a video with Ann Turnage to share information about her health. Through the media, our church is keeping the community abreast of what’s happening with disaster relief.

PASTORS’ REPORTS:

Andrew Harper: Reported for the Education Committee that the youth have met work on a musical to be performed at both services. There is a need for Sunday School teachers across the board from pre-school to high school. Confirmation and Youth Sunday will be on May 19th during the 9:45 and 11:00 services. Senior Sunday will be on June 9th where the scholarship recognitions will be presented. On Friday, April 15th the applications are due to the church office. The Scholarship Committee will meet and discuss those. On May 5th, the end of the year party for the UMKids is planned. The youth are planning to go to a lock-in in Jacksonville, help out at the benefit for Ann Turnage by providing face painting, corn hole games and helping in the kitchen with the UMM hotdog meal preparation.

Adam: Gave an update on Ann Turnage’s situation. He shared that she has received 2 calls to come in for the transplant but conditions were not right. So she is waiting. Elethia Green, our discipleship assistant went with Adam to Pine Valley UMC in Wilmington to check out a program called “Planning Center.” They reviewed the different modules for planning that could be done in the church. Creating data bases for our various groups would allow us to combine our procedures in a more efficient and effective way. Focus would be on ministries instead of using our time to collect data and input information by hand. Sanders shared that contemporary worship uses a part of “Planning Center” for preparing for those services. Cost for the church would be approximately \$200-\$300 a month for the complete program. How do we reach all of the people of the church? This question came up regarding those folks who do not use computers or smart phones. The response is that we will use whatever means necessary to get information where it needs to go. There are multiple ways to contact our

church family and visitors, but this technology will help move us forward with the majority those contacts.

AREAS OF DISCERNMENT:

Prayer Requests:

Carrie and Millie Morris need our prayers and support after the loss of her husband
 Todd Barker had massive heart attack, attends 8:30 service, he is at Duke waiting for heart transplant

Richard Montfort’s sister in law

Hal Silver is having surgery on April 10

CLOSING: Yana closed our meeting with prayer.

SUMC Church Council Meeting Schedule 2019/3rd Wednesday

January	19	Leadership Training
February	20	
March	20	
April	17	
May	15	
June	19	
July	17	May or not have a meeting during this summer month.
August	21	
September	18	Budgets Due
October	16	Date dependent on Charge Conference Date
November	20	
December	18	Church Budget Approval

NOTES

Trustees meet on the 1st Wednesday

SPRC meets on the 2nd Wednesday
Finance meets on the 3rd Wednesday
Church Council meets on the 3rd Wednesday
UMW Circles meet on the 2nd Wednesday
UMM meet on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday