

**SUMC Church Council Minutes**  
**October 16, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Present: Kevin Baker, Marcie Briley, Pam Castellano, Merle Epperson, Carol Ferry, Yana Frantz, Kevin Frazier, Susan Fulp, Mel Guss, Sanders Hall, Gay Williams, David Wilmoth  
Tonya Morton (Recording Secretary)

Yana opened the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle and leading prayer.

**Celebrations:**

- Kevin Frazier visited his daughter, Grace, in Boone and had a great visit.
- Pam Castellano reported there were 45 youth in attendance at UMYF this past Sunday.
- Marcie Briley reported that John Henderson is doing better.

**Committee Reports:**

SPRC

Kevin Frazier reported that:

- SPRC has been working to get their 2020 budget requests ready for the Finance Committee.
- Becky Dorris' retirement celebration went really well and she was very appreciative.
- "Listening Sessions" with the pastor are going well and there are several more to come.
- The position of Facilities Coordinator will be vacated by Bill Cunningham on December 31 and the SPRC is working to fill it.
- Layne Harpine has a new role as an assistant to Pastor Adam for the UMYF (title not yet determined), beginning on November 1. His salary is being matched by UMCOR and he will be a 40-hour per week employee.

UM Women

Marcie Briley reported that Martha's Missions is doing well and provided a lot of help with Becky Dorris' retirement celebration.

Finance

Pam Castellano reported that:

- The Finance Committee had the first budget meeting on October 9.
- The Committee approved moving \$22,500 from Child Care to the church budget according to the budget plan.
- The original owner of the White Oak River Bluffs property wants the church to sell the property.

Evangelism

Gay Williams had no report.

### Education

Susan Fulp reported that the Fall Festival is scheduled for October 27 from 4:30-6:30.

### Communications

Sanders Hall reported that he had received positive feedback on the new church website. Some discussion was held on rack cards and whether or not they will be produced this year.

### Music

Merle Epperson reported the Christmas Cantata will be December 8 and the Love Feast on December 15.

### Stewardship

David Wilmoth reported that:

- We are in the middle of the sermon series, “Enough.”
- Stewardship letters went out yesterday.
- There are business cards and keychains promoting and reminding us about “Enough” that will be available at all four services this week.
- Next Sunday is commitment Sunday.

### Finance

Carol Ferry had no report.

### Trustees

Mel Guss reported that:

- The Choral Society agreed to pay for half the cost of the lights in the room they use and those lights have been replaced.
- The stairwell has been carpeted in Building 2. Next will be the Fellowship Hall within one month.
- There will be a “clean out day” on November 30. Please mark any items that belong to you that you want to keep.

### **Pastor Reports:**

Lay Leadership: Pastor Kevin distributed a handout of the 2020 Church Council and Church Committees and asked everyone to thoroughly review it. It will be presented at the Charge Conference next Tuesday. Many suggestions and corrections were identified. Any additional corrections should be sent to Pastor Kevin as soon as possible. **The Church Council had consensus to approve the list, with the inclusion of the corrections.**

UMYF: Pastor Kevin reiterated that Pastor Adam was excited that 45 youth came on Sunday.

The Listening Sessions are going well. One main theme that has emerged is the desire for our church community to grow closer together. To that end, a prayer and praises email list has been created to promote unity among the four services.

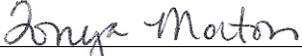
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Discussion was held on service activities for the youth. Carol Ferry mentioned a brainstorming session that resulted in several ideas to include spreading new mulch on the child care playground. Pastor Kevin suggested the youth being a part of the work teams in our community to help clean up and make repairs from Hurricane Florence. Kevin Frazier suggested youth helping the USO at Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, Pastor Kevin closed with prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Tonya Merton, Recording Secretary