

SUMC CC Meeting ZOOM/In-Person Minutes
Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7pm

Chairman Yana welcomed everyone, lit the Christ candle and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Yana Frantz, Pastor Kevin Baker, Pastor Adam Barth, Roger Fulp, Susan Fulp, David Wilmoth, Andrea Wilmoth, Gay Williams, Tom Scholl, Peter Gante, Adele Brewster, Marilyn Boyce, Becky Dorris, Kevin Frazier, Carol Ferry, Sanders Hall, Lynn Rouse, Marie Hurst

Celebrations

This past Sunday we started with 12 coming to confirmation class. There were 20 plus youth at the drive through. Great fun was had by all the groups with the tie-dyed tees shirts. Kevin just celebrated 29 years of military service.

Committee Reports

SPRC - Kevin Frazier shared that they have been discussing staff salaries but more information is being gathered before any final decision can be made. They are also starting to look at staff evaluations.

The committee is working with Pastor Kevin at what happened in April, 2020 regarding the furloughs.

They are also discussing the Financial Officer's job position and reviewing the staff handbook; one of the areas is maternity/paternity leave.

Trustees – Tom Scholl shared that there are now 3 showers in the men's' room and 3 showers in the ladies' room. There is also 1 handicap commode in the downstairs bathroom.

The committee is closing in on getting a new insurance company for the church. They will meet next Tuesday to review American Church Group, Sewell Insurance and Church Mutual.

The lot on White Oak Bluffs was sold for \$45,000 and we have to pick up the \$1,500 closing cost. With commission, there will be \$41, 000 coming to church at the end of November. Chuck Edgerton made sale and is working on the sale of the second lot.

We needed to replace the 15-ton unit in Building 1 on; it is on a 14-year cycle which is next to be done anyway. We will get this done when the weather is reasonable. It will be a 2-3-day turnaround to get the job done.

Signs have been posted on campus to slow people down. A flyer was sent out with parents at the day care.

The road behind the church with Ward Farms should to be able to all traffic in either direction; we are working with those folks on this issue.

We are getting bids on concrete grinding to fix several places on the church campus.

Finance - Peter Gante shared the August Financial Statement and the Statement of Income and Expenditures for August of the fiscal year 2020. Those reports are included as separate attachments with the minutes.

If we have funds for the monthly apportionments, we will double them for September through November. We hope to be caught up by the end of the year. The monthly apportionment is \$9,602.

Chairman Yana asked if the PPE repayment is on standby as to whether we need to pay it back or not?

Carol Ferry and Joanne Kopanski will file for the application for forgiveness. We spent all of the PPE except \$5,000, which we are hoping we will be able to keep.

Church Committees are having trouble coming up with their budgets for next year during these Covid-19 times. The first budget meeting will be on November 4th, and then the regular meeting is scheduled for November 18th.

Carol shared that the church doesn't want to put out a budget until we have more accurate information from our committees. The church council hopes to pass a budget before the end of the year but it is not a problem if we have to wait and pass a final budget in January, 2021.

Communications – Sanders Hall shared that the committee will be meeting in 2 weeks. Everyone needs to be very careful when using social media accounts. There are lots of hackers out there and unsafe sites.

We are having lots of success with our online screens and growth from outside local area.

United Methodist Women – Lynn Rouse shared that circles are meeting in ZOOM and in-person.

The major project right now is the publication of the Haitian children's book. They have raised \$1500 several years ago to get the book published. There are 300 copies. 100 copies were carried to Haiti by a church member who was going there. What a praise to save us the shipping cost and know that the books will get to where we need them to go. Each school will get 30 books in Haiti and they will be passed out during their English class time and kept at the school.

If you would like a book, we have 200 at the church, please make checks payable to SUMW for at least \$10, you can pick up your copy in the church office. If folks would just like to make a donation, that will help us with to send more books or we can send money to help with expenses at the schools.

We would like to have a blessing shared over the books. This is in the planning with the pastor.

Stewardship - David Wilmoth shared that Pastor Kevin is planning a 3-part sermon series which will kick off the stewardship campaign in October. There will also be some sort of capital campaign in 2021 to retire some of our debt on the building.

We are close to our 150-year anniversary of the church. We hope to honor past church members and with our current membership to have a pay it forward celebration.

Worship – Andrea Wilmoth shared the committee will be meeting soon to talk about Advent and other happenings. In September, communion for those worshipping at home was made available by going by the church office to pick up pre-packaged cups and bulletins.

Adele shared a thank you for the communion kits. She was able to get them for her whole neighborhood.

Childcare - Becky Dorris shared that the day care is experiencing a new back to normal. At this time there are 76 active children and 4 openings available. Full capacity is 81. We do have some infants in day care. There are 19 staff and they need one more.

The staff have implemented lots of safety requirements which must be followed, for example taking temperatures when receiving the children outside, sanitizing and making multiple temperature checks during the day.

Teacher temperatures are also taken during the day. All adults entering the building have to wear a mask. The staff is using a stronger disinfectant and sanitizing multiple times during the day.

In May, June and July, the childcare staff received a bonus from DCDEE for working through the COVID-19 pandemic. They could receive up to \$950 depending on how many hours they worked during the month. The childcare also received a grant from DCDEE for having the center open.

Marilyn Boyce shared that several ministers were ordained last week at conference. Crystal des Vignes was one of those ordained. We are so proud of her. There will be a formal ceremony in 2021.

Evangelism - Gay Williams has been sheltering at home and has no report at this time.

SAM – Adele Brewster talked with those planning the SAM. Some of the folks are just coming out of the doldrums and many seniors are just not getting out. There was no discussion as to what will come next. Many don't do ZOOM. Some people are moving out of town because of the COVID issue.

Lynn Rouse shared that there had been a rock-a-thon planned to fight Parkinson's Disease. It was planned earlier but now maybe a picnic-a-thon at Hammock's Beach State Park in October might take place.

Chairman Yana shared that some folks from other states are moving here.

Education - Roger and Susan Fulp shared that it was nice to see all the families in last two weeks; all were following strict protocols with temperatures etc. and doing lots of outside activities. Susan also mentioned that Sunday School is getting ready to plan some activities with Layne.

Pastors'

Pastor Adam shared that there were 28 youth came to tie-dye shirts on Sunday. Next week, they are planning to do a regular Sunday evening hour program and on October 4th to meet at the Fahy House and smoke BBQ.

The puppet ministry is going well. They have a memory verse, prayer card and activity –the theme of the service directs those things and extends into the week so the kids can do these things with their parents.

An activity is planned where there will be children 3-12 in one room together and puppets will be used to direct that activity. This would happen at 9:45am on Sundays. This is in the planning stages. It may be November before we kick off this program.

As far as Discipleship, he has completed the Colossians Way certificate.

How do we talk about politics as Christians? To where conflict transforms us?

Chairman Yana asked if the 9:45am children's service is a sort of children's church concept? Children's worship for a 20-minute worship then if we have the capacity with enough volunteers, kids can branch off with kids of their age and discuss the topic question of the day.

Pastor Kevin shared that they are trying to see how to incorporate "Oasis" into worship.

we are approaching capacity in Building 3. We need time to make adjustments with our services and our capacity to serve those attending to facilitate an increase in our offering giving.

We have signed on with Ministry Architects and our 1st meeting is Thursday, September 24, 2020. Two people have been assigned to us and will be listening remotely with Zoom, phone, and provide coaching for Layne. We need to get a hybrid of meetings set up for in person and Zoom. We need to get groups organized for 1-hour groups from each set of stakeholders, such as, high school parents, HS kids etc. The team from Ministry Architects will have deep listening session with the various sets of stakeholders and create an 18-month blue print of moving forward for the church to implement with our children and youth. They will help us work through each segment of the blueprints and help us develop a plan on how to make disciples for Christ.

MA stays with the group they are working with as a resource even after their work period is done. When this time of deep listening comes for us as a church, it may take a Saturday/ Sunday event and then the team will write up their findings. Our programming may need to be worked so we can see if this will be how we handle the deep listening sessions.

Pastor Kevin also needs to start getting nominations from the various committees of the church. The first lay leadership meeting is tomorrow Thursday, September 24th, please send nominations to Pastor Kevin. BE prayerful about your committee nominations.

Chairman Yana asked if church members should watch the link- e-note that Pastor Kevin send out on email to church members and be familiar with the purposes of Ministries Architect? Yes, especially the stakeholders, but all church members should be familiar with this program.

[Ministry Architects](#) This is the link to view information on Ministry Architects.

Pastor Kevin closed in prayer. The meeting ended at 8:10pm. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm. You will receive more information as the date approaches.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Hurst, Secretary

