

**SUMC Church Council Minutes**  
**February 24, 2022**  
**7pm - Fellowship Hall**

Chairman Kevin Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting and lit the Christ Candle. Pastor Kevin opened with prayer.

Present: Pastor Kevin Baker, Kevin Frazier, Pastor Adam Barth, Roger Fulp, Bren Feutz, Dr. Layne Harpine, Sue Young, Bill Smith-representing the Trustees, Louisa Ringo, David Wilmoth, Chris Wilson, Lisa Potts, Ashleigh Huffman Sewell, Peter Gante, Christy Denham, Denise Baker, Adele Brewster, Lynn Rouse, Kristin Viszneki, Cleo Croom, Tammy Taylor, Marilyn Boyce, John McLean, Cory Frazier-SPRC member, Kirk Jones, Joanne Kopanski, Mel Brooks-representing the Stephen's Ministry, Marie Hurst

**Celebrations**

- Kristin shared that 4 SUMC HS students participated in an amazing all district band program and will audition for all state

**Committee Reports**

- **Security:** Kevin Frazier shared that the number of security members has increased, but anyone who is interested in working with this committee please contact him.
- **Trustees:** Bill Smith reported for Tom Scholl that they are working with a company to install new bright lights in the sanctuary and fix the discoloration on the ceiling beams; the cost will be about \$1200.00. In the Daycare, there are sewer drainage issues and backup in the commodes that should be taken care of in the coming week; the cost will be about \$13,000.00. The Daycare does have a grant to use to help cover that cost.
- **Child Care Advisory:** Ashleigh reported that they are working with church leaders to clearly define their role as they move forward. Louisa shared that Child Care is a board and not a committee. Several years ago a set of bylaws were created by church leaders to explain the responsibilities of the board. As a board and not a committee, they are to make sure that NC laws are followed. They will work to get clarification of which documents, currently on hand, bylaws, etc the board is to follow. Currently there are documents that seem to contradict one another. This board is in the process of reviewing documents to have one document which covers this board and their responsibilities.
- **Communications:** No report.
- **Education:** Chris Wilson shared that there are vacancies in the education department. They are using the Book of Discipline as a guide in their planning. One goal is to bring on board youth, young adults and seniors to work with this committee in their planning.
- **First Impressions Team:** Denise Baker shared that the focus of their team is hospitality and evangelism. The meet and greet with the pastors was changed from the fellowship hall to outside the pastor's office to make it more quaint and personal. The team is working to create a positive first impression for those who attend any SUMC service or event.
- **Finance:** Peter Gante shared the H&R Block Forensic Report findings. It was not possible to get all the information to review the back billing, so the committee had to start fresh in

January, 2022. A set of new business quick books are now online to help organize the information for SUMC finances. Eleven issues/recommendations were addressed and steps have been taken to correct them and start new with this online program. The first part of the year certain bills are due and we do not have the income yet on hand from January and February to cover them and that is why we show a deficit on the January finance report. The committee recommended that all salaries with the exception of the pastors be listed in a lump sum under Personnel on the budget. This recommendation was made due to information shared by the conference. Only the Finance and SPRC committees would have the detailed amounts for all salaries. Chairman Peter Gante asked for a consensus vote to accept that recommendation. Discussion ensued and the council did not come to consensus on the recommendation (11 1s were noted). (Finance spreadsheets accompany the minutes in the secretary's notebook).

- **Lay Leaders:** Pastor Kevin shared that on the church website under administration, there is a list of the leaders who are currently serving on committees. This list is updated as needed.
- **Missions:** Lisa Potts shared that 8 members have signed up for ASP. The yard sale is getting geared up for April. There may be some virtual international travel opportunities coming up in the future. The Congregations 4 Children chairman, Peggy Stolzenburg, is planning a Silverdale Elementary School Staff luncheon on March 24th. A book drive is going on and we currently have 300 books for 700 kids. Seventy-one teachers/staff have a prayer partner from SUMC who is praying for them and sending them cards. The card program will continue until May 1st. Peggy is looking for someone to take over the C4C program or share the responsibilities of this committee. The committee is also discussing how to revive the SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) for senior adults.
- **SPRC:** John McLean shared that a reception for Pastor Adam and his family will be on Sunday, February 27th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Stewardship:** David Wilmoth shared that the committee will begin their work in March.
- **Worship:** Cleo Croom shared that for they need some help with the Lenten Lunches. If anyone can help to provide a casserole or sandwiches, please let Christy or Cleo know which Wednesday you can help. They also need help serving.
- **UMW:** Lynn shared that she is helping Pastor Rachel locate members whose information has been lost. She will be talking with Pastor Kevin to designate a Methodist Women's Sunday to recognize officers and present recognition pins. Currently, there are 98 women in UMW. There are several areas of focus for UMW: a Reading program, Church Mouse program, an Annual Church Tea where the proceeds will go to Carobell Homes in Onslow County and Hope Mission in Carteret County. The tea will take place April 2nd. Layne will have the scholarship applications online soon for our high school seniors to complete and submit. Some help is needed to remove a tree stump and put a fence in the yard of a local lady who has a service dog. SUMW are staying active and invite all the women of our church to join a circle and share in the fellowship.
- **UMM:** No report.
- **Stephen Ministries Update:** Mel Brooks shared that there has been great support to get this ministry active again in our church. It provides one to one lay care to individuals who are hurting. There were 4 women and 2 men in the Stephen Ministers Class in our church. The class was completed on Feb 14th. The class will be commissioned on March 13th.

**Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Kevin shared that he was working with transitions that are happening with the teams in the church. Pastor Kevin expressed how much he was blessed working with Pastor Adam and he will be truly missed. Sunday will be Pastor Adam's last day. There will be a reception for him and his family on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pastor Adam gave a big Thank You to everyone who has supported him on his journey. He continues to hold fast to living the life God has for him as he and his family move forward.

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

The next church council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th at 7pm.

Fraternally, Marie Hurst  
Secretary