

**SUMC Church Council Minutes**  
**April 28, 2022**  
**7pm**

Chairman Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting, lit the Christ Candle and shared the mission, vision statements and goals. Pastor Kevin gave the opening prayer.

Present: Pastor Kevin Baker, Pastor Rachel Moser, Chairman Kevin Frazier, Bren Feutz, Louisa Ringo, Denise Baker, Tammy Taylor, Tom Scholl, Adele Brewster, Sue Young, Marilyn Boyce, John McLean, Christy Denham, Kirk Jones, Roger Fulp, David Wilmoth, Joanne Kopanski, Cleo Croom, Peter Gante, Lynn Rouse, Chris Wilson, David Krawchuk, Lisa Potts, Marie Hurst

**Celebrations:**

- Kevin Frazier: children walking in from childcare at the church, children were having bible stories read to them in FH. Warmed his heart.
- Pastor Kevin: Easter was wonderful but from Easter sunrise through each of the services; every service was attended very well with members and visitors.
- Pastor Kevin: Louisa Ringo, Pastor Rachel and Pastor Kevin are on the District Committee; this committee approved Tammy Taylor and Dr. Layne Harpine to take the courses to become lay pastors.
- Tom Scholl's daughter is graduating from college and has a job in the wings.
- Denise Baker: Son-in-law Rick got a job. Pastor Kevin and Denise celebrating 34 years of marriage.
- Thanksgiving for all the hard work Lisa Potts has done on the yard sale, and for all who are making the yard sale happen.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trustees** - Tom Scholl, Chairman

- Plumbing issue in Daycare
- Lightbulbs over Sanctuary replaced with LEDs
- Beams in the Sanctuary were cleaned
- All three of the above items have been taken care of.

**Child Care:** Pastor Kevin for Ashleigh Sewell Huffman

- Sub committee working on MOU and bylaws
- Paul Williams preparing a work chart of how childcare relates to church council, etc.
- Covid stabilization money used for improvements
- \$500 signing bonus just put in place for new hires

**Communications-** No report

**Education** - Chairman Chris Wilson

- Egg Hunt was moved to Palm Sunday
- This year we had to ask parents to share eggs because there were 50-70 kids attending. More than half seem to be non-members! The event was a great success.
- Confirmation Sunday - May 22nd
- Youth Sunday - May 8th
- Senior Sunday - June 5th
- Orange Curriculum: the budget has been approved to order the Orange Curriculum. We have the technology to use the program. The focus is on school age students currently. We have asked neighboring churches for their opinion of the program.
- 2 new hires are on board

- Susan Fulp will be leading Vacation Bible School, which is getting ready to start up. The dates are July 18-21.

**First Impressions** - Chairman Denise Baker

- Passive meet and greet occurs on the third Sunday in May
- Trying to also make connections in the community

**Finance** - Chairman Peter Gante

- March Income: Monthly Actual \$113,455.
- Total Expenditures: \$128,660
- Deficit: \$15,205
  
- YTD Income: \$265,280
- Total Expenditures: \$320,502
- Deficit: \$55,222
  
- Childcare Summary;
- Beginning GL Balance: \$43,794
- Surplus \$992
- Contribution to Church: \$25,000
- Ending GL Balance: \$19,786
  
- Loss Revenue 19/20: \$6,241
- Loss Revenue 20/20: \$7,090
- Loss Revenue 20/21: \$2,131
- Total Loss Revenue: \$15,462

Finance sheets are filed in the church office and a copy kept in the secretary's notebook for 2022.

**Lay Leaders** - Pastor Kevin

-“This years annual conference will be held in Greenville, NC from June 15 to June 18. As you all know, our two SUMC lay members are Tammy Taylor and Marilyn Boyce. Our alternate, should either of them not be able to attend, is Bren Feutz.

In addition, several other members of our church have been selected by the Sound District to go to annual conference and represent our district. This is part of a lay equalization plan that happens every year. There are a lot of retired clergy who attend AC each year without corresponding laity and for this reason, each district selects additional lay members from across the conference to attend so there is an equal number of Lay and clergy delegates at each annual conference. Some of those this year for the Sound District include Caroline McClure and Layne Harpine.

Denise Baker will also be going as an elected member of the Jurisdictional conference delegation from 2019 AC. Please be in prayer for all those who will be attending this year.”

**Missions** - Chairman Lisa Potts

- Church wide Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30th. Need helpers to clean up. Looking for more assistance: 7:30-11 shopping, 10:30 prep boxes to bring things to a close, 12:30 The Hem will come with their truck to pick up what is left.
- Tuesday, Congregations 4 Children will be gearing up and need more assistance, please contact Lisa or Peggy Stolzenberg.
- Mother's Day Roses due by Monday, May 2nd to church office
- June 12th, ASP Team leaves for ShadyHill TN, which is their work destination

**SPRC** - Chairman John McLean

-Regina Harrison from Iowa will be our new pastor of discipleship. She has family in South Carolina and a son in the Wilmington area. She will here the end of June.

**Stewardship** - Chairman David Wilmoth

-No Report

**Worship** - Chairman Cleo Croom

- The focus began with preparing for Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday Lenten lunches and other activities during Holy Week
- Easter Sunday: 800 people in person for services and over 250 connections on line
- The Cantata was held on Sunday, April 10th at both the 8:30 and 11:00 services
- Bren Feutz has agreed to be in charge of the ushers for the 8:30 service

**United Women of Faith** - President Lynn Rouse

- New name for UMW is United Women of Faith, however, we will operate financially as UMW
- Scholarships are being distributed
- Roses for Mother's Day will be purchased for Sunday, May 8th
- The group who were sewing clothes for Haiti will be starting back up
- We will kick things off in the Fall with an international dinner
- National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 5th. Gates open at 5pm at Soccer Park if you would like to attend this event.

**United Methodist Men** - President David Krawchuk

- New officers were elected
- Great Easter Sunday breakfast in Building 3, great numbers
- Men's Bible study "Going through the Bible" continuing
- Peanut ministry moving forward
- Handicap ramps being built

**Pastor's Report**

- Looking forward to Pastor Regina getting here in June
- Good representation from SUMC at Annual Conference on June 15-17 in Greenville NC.
- General Conference for the Fall has been postponed
- In May, we should hear info about some decisions to be made by the Conference
- Next General Conference will be in 2024.
- There is a break off group which is pushing for a new denomination. They may officially declare themselves in May. There may be some disaffiliation conversations in the future.
- Resumed Bible study on Wednesday nights
- Hope to resume other programs/events when Pastor Regina comes onboard.

**Nativity Committee** - Chairman Adele Brewster

- Director is Patty Bills and is planning a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 3rd. There will be two presentations with live animals. Youth and adult participants will be meeting in September.

**Areas of Discernment:**

- Chris Wilson - we need to discuss with our Ministry Architects representatives the direction of our ministry
- Chairman Kevin: shared the following regarding church council:
  - Responsibilities - know your job
  - Communication - open lines, be available, who should know
  - Transparency - don't hide notes
  - Inclusivity - include everyone in the planning
  - Planning - if you fail to plan, you plan to fail
  - Coordination- based off of your planning
  - Initiative and Leadership - be inspired by Word of God

Pastor Rachel closed in prayer. The meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 23, 2022.