

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
January 25, 2017

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 7:15. In attendance were John Dimitri, Bill Myers, Emily Turner, Pastor Chris Haynes, Mandy Smith, Alex Dunavant, Larry McKelvey, Susan McKelvey, Hope Guffey and Bill Guffey. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Chris Haynes for an opening devotion. Pastor Haynes led a devotion taken from the book, *Life of the Beloved* by Henry Nouwen. Pastor Haynes related stories from this book about what it means to be blessed and the importance of blessing others and being blessed and how each provides a true signs of the Beloved. Pastor Haynes stated that in considering all that we carry with us, we should remember that we are all loved and guided by the love and blessings from our eternal father. Pastor Haynes closed his devotion with prayer for the church and the work of the council. Chair Bill Myers next summarized the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. Larry McKelvey moved that the minutes be approved as summarized. John Dimitri seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by the council.

Bill Guffey presented the Treasurer's Report for the period November 15, 2016 - December 30, 2016. The period beginning checking account balance of \$33,917.02 was adjusted from the November 2017 closing balance of \$33,080.52 with the voidance of four checks from the previous period. Income from all sources for the current period totaled \$20,052.49. Expenses both designated and undesignated for the period totaled \$19,837.92 leaving an ending account balance of \$34,131.59 which will be carried forward to become the 2017 starting general fund balance. Designated accounts with unspent balances remaining from 2016 will be carried forward to their corresponding 2017 accounts. The council's recommendation was sought out on moving unspent funds from budget line items #402 (Church Maintenance and Improvements) and #403 (Parsonage Maintenance and Improvements) to line #111 (Emergency and Capital Improvements) as we typically have done in previous years. Larry McKelvey moved that the unspent money budgeted in lines 402 and 403 from the 2016 budget be moved to the 2017 Emergency and Capital Improvements account. The motion was seconded by Emily Turner and approved with a council vote. Additionally it was asked if the council preferred to pay the church's annual conference Apportionments in two equal payments, one in January and one in early June as has typically done in previous years. Alex Dunavant moved that we pay our 2017 conference Apportionments in two equal installments, one in January and one in June. Mandy Smith seconded and the motion passed with vote of the council. A motion was offered by Larry McKelvey to accept the treasurer's report. This motion was seconded by Hope Guffey and passed with a vote of the council.

Bill Myers made note that we have purchased conference Guideline manuals based on the newly released UM Discipline which outline the jobs of church leaders and provides helpful instruction on how leaders might do their jobs better. These manuals were distributed to the appropriate members of the council and members were encouraged to not only read the material but to also pass the manuals to other relevant church personnel.

Bill Myers also noted that our church Policies are in need of review and set a meeting date of February 22nd for this purpose. Other meeting dates set by the council were February 1st for the newsletter initiative team and February 15th for the vision team.

Bill Myers noted to the council that in light of the graduation of our scholarship recipient, Lucretia Campbell, the scholarship committee needs to meet to consider scholarship candidates that will be supplied by Pastor Chris Haynes. Pastor Haynes suggested that candidate qualifying criteria can be discussed at the church policy review meeting.

Emily Turner, chair of the special events committee, reported that plans are set for the Valentine's banquet to be held on February 11th at 6:00 pm at the Mercantile in Manchester. RSVP's are needed by February 5th. Cost of the banquet will be \$16 per person.

Mandy Smith reported that the UMYF will be attending Warmth in Winter on January 27-29th in Nashville. Eleven youth and five adults are registered to attend. Registration expenses have been paid and hotel costs in the amount of \$2200.00 will be paid at the event. Mandy also reported that no youth events are planned for February. Pastor Chris Haynes reported that the conference is recommending that all adults working with children and youth receive training in safe sanctuary guidelines. Pastor Haynes also reported that the conference is now requiring that all adult leaders of children and youth attending conference events have current background checks. Background checks have been completed for our adult leaders for this year's Warmth in Winter event.

Alex Dunavant reported that the youth are looking forward to attending Warmth in Winter and added that the event will be held at Opryland hotel this year and also for the next two years.

Susan McKelvey reported that the date for the next UM Women's meeting has been changed from February 1st to February 8th. Susan also reported that the UM Women mini retreat will be held in Hillsboro on August 12th and that our UM Women are in charge of supplying food for this event.

Susan McKelvey reporting on the UM Children informed the council that the children are working on a musical play entitled "Back to the Creekbank" which will be presented in May. Susan reported that the annual Easter egg hunt will be

on Friday, April 14th. Susan reported that she and Ashley Weaver will be in charge of VBS this year and that both a week long and single day VBS format are being considered. Possible date for a week format are June 19-23 or June 26-30. June 3rd is a possible date for the single day VBS event.

Pastor Chris Haynes reported that Trustee chair Tom Foster is recovering from surgery this week but supplied a report which includes the following:

- Eaton's will be replacing the pump in the downstairs restroom . A 110v pump will replace the old 220v pump at a cost of \$399.00.
- All heat and AC filters have been replaced
- the water leak noted in the last council meeting has been repaired
- trustee approval has been given for an Eagle scout project which will provide picnic tables to the play area in the rear area behind the church

John Dimitri reported that the UM Men will be hosting their annual soup and chili luncheon on February 19th. Donations at this event help fund the men's benevolences throughout the year. A pancake breakfast is being considered as a second event later in the year but has yet to be planned. John also reported that the UM Men had donated to the youth for Warmth in Winter.

Bill Myers reported that non perishable food will be collected by the scouts on February 11th during their annual Scouting for Food event. February 12th is Scout Sunday and Larry McKelvey will lead this event in church.

Bill Myers suggested that as a church he would like to see a fund established to which people can donate for philanthropic purposes. This should include estate gifts. At times individuals or families have donated with the notion that the fund is to be used for specific purposes. Pastor Chris Haynes added that there is a United Methodist Foundation fund to which churches can invest for development. The conference can assist churches by training in stewardship, providing guidance in setting up foundation type funds and providing speakers to the church. There is also a program which will provide grant to churches that complete a stewardship training program. Bill Myers suggested that whatever we might decide to consider that he would like for it to be community mission driven. Suggestions included community day care and a van for church use. A survey of the congregation was also suggested as a means of gauging interest and solicitation of ideas. Pastor Haynes stated that the Finance Committee should be a part of these discussions.

Bill Myers reported that he had received two estimates for sanctuary projection systems. Both estimates coordinate with the sound equipment and include two projectors and have similar costs.

Pastor Chris Haynes reported that both the women's and the men's Walk to Emmaus are coming up. The men's, in which Pastor Haynes will serve as spiritual director, will be held in Winchester on February 23-26. The women's event will be on March 2-5. Pastor Haynes also made note of the following dates

March 1st - Ash Wednesday

March 19th - Eagle scout ceremony for Jared Willis

The Youth will be involved in a Tenebrae service during Holy Week

April 16th - Easter

There being no further business, Bill Myers dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary