

Hillsboro United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

January 18, 2023

Members present: Chairman Robert Henley, Bro. Danny Freeman, Jim Bramblett, Michael Millraney, Jamie and Ashley Weaver, Donette Porter, Elaine and Ray Weaver, Larry and Susan McKelvey, Linda Willis, Bill and Bobbie Myers, Bill and Deanna Lawson, Pat Williams, Jennifer Myers, Linda Grose.

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Robert Henley. Prayer concerns noted and devotion on the book of Mark by Bro. Danny. The minutes were emailed and reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Ray Weaver, second by Larry McKelvey.

Treasurer's Report: The current status was reviewed. Beginning balance November 1st, \$94,830.27. Undesignated offerings were \$27,969.65. Designated offerings were \$3375.00, interest earned \$32.20. Undesignated expenses \$26,133.27. Designated expenses \$4362.03, Tax obligations, \$532.50, ending balance December 30th, 2022, \$95,179.32. Beginning balance January 1st, 2023, \$99,321.06. Motion to approved by Bill Myers , second by Jim Bramblett.

Bro. Danny Freeman: Facilitating a committee for review of membership roles of the church. Confirming members vs non members, etc. New people are coming to services. July-December average attendance was 100. Wants to increase. Ash Wednesday Service, February 22nd. Palm Sunday, April 2nd, Holy Week services, Maundy Thursday April 6th, Good Friday Service, April 7th, Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service,(Asbury Church) and 10:30 am service, April 9th.

Deanna Lawson: Is asking PPR team to help Pastor Danny. Had meeting, all approve of Pastor. New people are coming to services. Sherry Freeman is counting and checking the sign in books. Susan McKelvey volunteered to do a head count on Sunday mornings.

Pat Williams: Roofer coming this week to check for leaks. Pat suggests a better back door for security reasons. Heater in fellowship hall wasn't working, is fixed now.

Jim Bramblett: The Coat Drive went very well. Appreciates all the participation.

Elaine Weaver: Now receives Newsletter for the TN Conference. Bishop is back now from illness.

Michael Millraney: Offering is approximately what is budgeted. In January, some pay annual tithes so average is off this month. Youth going to Pigeon Forge, TN to Resurrection Conference this coming weekend. Taking 5 as well as Bro. Danny and Sherry Freeman. Is hoping to grow the youth group.

Bill Myers: Classes have increased, average around 40 now. Encourages attendance.

Susan McKelvey: Christmas Program was excellent. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 7th . Good Friday at 2:00pm.

Ashley Weaver: Wednesday night children's programs doing well. Working on getting more volunteers for teachers and helpers. Has sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Linda Willis: There were 18 food baskets delivered at Christmas time. Food Pantry is stocked and doing well. Asbury Church helps with this as well. Special Events group will decorate for the chili luncheon. Sending cards to shut ins is suggested. Discussed and set a date (Feb. 11th, at 9:00am) for inside church clean up as well as a food drive for the Little Pantry.

Robert Henley: Balance for Backpack Ministry is \$4188.67. Is good so far. Around 60 bags are prepared.

It was decided that the Sunday School budget is to remain as is, but will allow an increase if needed. Payment of 2023 apportionments will be paid as usual, following a motion made by Jamie Weaver and second by Bill Myers.

Disaffiliation Committee voted to bring the issue the council. Agreed to begin the disaffiliation process. Some discussion on understanding the reasons to, or not to do so. 2024 is when the next General Conference meets. Annual Conference will be in June of 2023. The DS came to discuss and had a Q & A regarding this subject. Some Bishops are not following the current Discipline. We don't know who the next Bishop will be. Discussion regarding finding a new Pastor if we disaffiliate or go to a non denomination or a different denomination. Global Methodist is still forming. There are consequences to waiting beyond June 2023 to leave if decided to, as could lose property. 66% of the members who vote will decide if we stay or disaffiliate. Discussed Declaration of Intent and the process. Will develop a plan to inform the congregation so they can all be informed and make a sound decision when they (members) vote. Motion to vote by Pat Williams, second by Larry McKelvey. Ballots were passed around, with a discussion of who are allow to vote. Determined all who are on leadership team and present can vote. Results at counting were 12 yes and 2 no. This is passed and will be taken now to the congregation. It was suggested that a church email be sent to inform people as well as an article in the Newsletter. May have a special meeting for all members to attend for an impartial and unbiased Q & A.

Donette Porter: World Saints was observed at last meeting. UMW has had a name change to United Women of Faith, (UWF) Officers are the same.

Larry McKelvey: Meeting was January 8th, new officers were elected. Larry McKelvey is President of the UMM, Wayne Steele is Vice President, Garry Carter is Secretary, Bill Guffey is Treasurer. Next meeting set for February 12th. The Chili Luncheon will be on February 19th following service.

Motion to dismiss, Prayer to dismiss by Bro. Danny Freeman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Next meeting March 15th, at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose
Recording Secretary.