

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
July 19, 2017

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday March 17, 2017 at 7:15. In attendance were: Bill Guffey, Hope Guffey, Pastor Chris Haynes, John Dimitri, Tom Foster, Susan Foster, Susan McKelvey, Larry McKelvey, Chair Bill Myers and Garry Carter. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 7:15 and Pastor Chris Haynes opened the meeting with a short devotion from the *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard Foster. According to this passage we yearn for prayer and yet hide from prayer. It often seems like a chasm stands between us and prayer. We are not sure what hold us back from prayer but it seem that something real and profound prevents us. One thing the author points out is the notion that we often feel as if we have to have everything "just right" in order to pray. That is, before we can pray, our lives need some fine tuning, or we need to know more about how to pray, or we need to study philosophical questions surrounding prayer, or we need to have a better grasp of the great traditions of prayer. Foster points out that prayer does not have to be mastered as with is so with a particular field of study. God receives us just as we are and accepts our prayes just as they are. In the same way that a child cannot draw a bad picture, so a child of God cannot offer a bad prayer. Pastor Haynes closed his devotion with a prayer of the work of the council.

Chair Bill Myers next summarized the minutes from the last council meeting held on March 15, 2017. Tom Foster offered a motion that the minutes as summarized by Bill Myers be accepted and approved. Larry McKelvey provided a second to the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was passed by a vote of the council.

Treasurer Bill Guffey review the financial summary statement for the period May 16, 2017 - July 19, 2017. The church checking account at Coffee County Bank period began the period with a beginning balance of \$36,394.93. Income from all sources including undesignated and designated offerings and interest earned totaled \$25,059.49 and total period expenses totaled \$34,621.68 leaving an ending checkbook balance of \$26,832.74. It was noted that the remaining half of the 2017 conference apportionments had been paid in June. It was also noted that repairs to both the ladies and men's restrooms had been completed with costs for both totaling to date \$1,932.18. There being no further treasury reporting, Larry McKelvey moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. This motion was seconded by John Dimitri and was approved with a vote of the council.

Larry McKelvey reported that the UMYF Summer Sizzler will be attended this weekend by 8 youth from our church accompanied by Mandy and Kelly Smith. The event begins Friday and concludes Sunday. Additionally the Tennessee Youth Annual Conference will be held this weekend at the Summer Sizzler event. Larry also reported that three youth from our church attended the District Summer Camp this year and he would expect more youth to attend next year. Larry commented that it is always good to see youth becoming involved in conference sponsored

events. The Hands and Feet UMYF event is for September. Additionally another District Conference event is scheduled for October called Amazing Youth.

Susan McKelvey reported that our Vacation Bible School had been held on a single day last Saturday, July 15. Attendance was not as high as in previous years but reports from workers were positive many having felt that the day long event provided more time for workers to connect with the children. A tentative date of June 2nd has been established for next year's VBS. Susan stated that she plans to return some unused VBS materials for refunds. Susan reported that the VBS materials were very good and she plans to utilize this fall in the children's Wednesday night program. Susan also reported that the annual Back to School Bash will be held this year on Friday, July 29th. Inflatables have been ordered and snacks and face painting are planned.

Susan reported that the UM Women's District Meeting will be held at our church on August 12. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided for the attendees. Offerings from the meeting attendees will be donated to the Hillsboro Back Pack program.

Garry Carter reported that the K-2, 3rd and 5th grade Sunday Schools have decided to discontinue use of the "Deep Blue" curriculum. Mandy Smith and Vickie Steele will combine the 3-5 classes and 6-9 classes and will utilize the "Grapple" curriculum. Bobbie Myers plans to return to the standard middle elementary Sunday School curriculum. Garry suggested a promotion or SS recognition Sunday on August 13th to recognize Sunday School workers and students.

Garry Carter reported that the Hillsboro Cemetery Association homecoming is scheduled for August 6th. The Rev. Max Mayo the current District Superintendent of the Stones River District will be our guest preacher. The meeting will be held at 1:30 after our Homecoming fellowship luncheon.

Tom Foster reported that the concrete slab at the rear exit of the church had been painted. One sheet of flooring not used in the restroom repairs will be returned. The parking lot will be examined to determine if resealing is needed at this time. Air filters for HVAC units will be purchased. Tom also reported that the ice machine and the dish washer in the kitchen is not working. The Trustees will meet to determine how best to deal with the equipment. Tom also reported that repairs to the broken hand rail at the concrete exit ramp has been arranged but that the repair company has yet to do the work. The Trustees will also discuss the purchase and installation of signage at several points outside the church building.

John Dimitri reported that the UM Men continue to enjoy strong attendance at their monthly breakfast meetings. Seventeen attended the most recent UM Men meeting.

Hope Guffey speaking for Emily Turner asked the council to set a date for the annual church picnic. A date of October 8th was agreed upon. It was also decided to combine this day with "Bring a Friend to Church" day.

Wednesday programs were discussed by the council and it was decided to resume Wednesday program on September 6th.

Pastor Chris Haynes is planning an adult study on Communion which will include the practice of delivering Communion to homebound congregation on Communion Sunday's. Another possible topic for adult study will focus on current Methodist discussions regarding church positions on inclusion based on sexual preference and the impact changes could have on the Methodist Church.

Pastor Haynes also noted that two volunteers have stepped forward to assist with the emergency community shelter program which will utilize the church as a safe place in the event of a weather emergency.

Pastor Haynes also noted that the baptism of Avery Brown has been planned for July 30 at the home of George Brown.

Chair Bill Myers suggested that in light of our lack of a permanent piano player for Sunday worship that maybe we should consider using the digital prerecorded music for hymn accompaniment.

Bill also reported that bids are still being sought for a projection system for the sanctuary also it is more likely to include TV monitors rather than actual projectors.

Bill also reported that he and Pastor Haynes had met with a representative of the UM Foundation to discuss church giving and also estate giving. A presentation is planned for January 14th after our morning worship in which a UM Foundation representative will present information about how the foundation can assist our church in areas such as funding church visions and estate gifting. It was decided to incorporate this event with our annual youth spaghetti luncheon.

There being no further business, Larry McKelvey dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary