

# Hillsboro United Methodist Church

## Church Council Meeting

March 20, 2019

Members Present: Chairman Bill Myers, Reverend Kent Bailey, Treasurer Bill Guffey, Hope Guffey, John Dimitri, Mandy Smith, Bobbie Myers, Deanna Lawson, Jim Bramblett, Betty Bramblett, Terry Gunn, Stuart Myers, Secretary Linda Grose.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Myers at 7:15pm.

Opening prayer and devotional by Pastor Kent Bailey. Scripture reference from Luke 13:1-9.

Previous minutes read and reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes from January 16, 2019 by Terry Gunn, second by Jim Bramblett. Motion Passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Reviewed 2019 Budget, ending balance January 1, 2019 was \$49,405.57 and current balance as of March 14, 2019 is \$54,405.98. Weekly budget is \$3075.35. Apportionments paid to date, \$12,292.50. A check was written for the Valentine Banquet out of the Special Events fund as all monies had not been received for it yet. Bill Guffey raised the question of perhaps changing how youth funds are paid out with regard to paying thru line item first, then the designated fund. Bill also questioned the water bill, saying it has been high, and will check into why.

**Jim Bramblett:** Jim questioned posting the collection amount in the bulletin each week, with the concern that it may discourage giving if the amount exceeds the weekly budget. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of this, deciding to table this for further discussion. Terry Gunn moved to accept that and Deanna Lawson seconded it. Motion Passed.

Jim raised the question of the need for a Youth Pastor. It was recommended that the PPR committee discuss and consider this first. There were questions and a lengthy and discussion with strong opinions regarding church growth verses the budget allowances as well as about staffing needs, and by consensus, the Pastor will ask PPR and then Finance Committee to review.

Scholarship fund was reviewed and discussed. Past methods of paying scholarship checks were discussed by Stuart Myers, and recommendations were also made. There was a lengthy discussion on the issues of how to appropriate a Scholarship Fund legally, as well as if there are adequate funds to consider a Youth Pastor at this time. Jim Bramblett made a motion to have it accepted that these issues will be followed. The Pastor, by consensus, will research this and find out how to develop correctly. He will then bring the issue to the Finance Committee.

**Terry Gunn:** E-tithing is ready to launch. Discussed and highlighted this program, with Vanco handling the electronic transactions, UMC recommends this company. ACH giving by credit card on our webpage. It is an alternative option to regular giving by cash or check, which will still be in effect as always. He says that estimates by the month would run around \$65.00. There is a base fee of \$10.00, plus a percentage of the transaction. ACH fees are 1% plus .45 cents per transaction. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of doing this. Needs to be discussed and approved by the Finance Committee, and is tabled until then.

**Mandy Smith:** Blue Monarch has discontinued Wednesday nights with us. Average attendance for youth has been 7-12. Mandy's friend has been helping with the youth on Wednesday night and she is very pleased with how that is going. Currently planning a Mission Trip but no plans to date to report. She expresses she has been overwhelmed with many responsibilities.

**John Dimitri:** UMM are planning to provide a brunch for the church on Sunday, May 19, 2019 following worship service. There will be no cost for this event.

**Deanna Lawson:** Friend Day was a success. She checked on helping the family with the Asbury church, but nothing to report as of now. Reminded everyone to be aware of absent parishioners and to make an effort to contact them, so as to avoid any feelings of being overlooked or uncared for.

**Pastor Kent Bailey:** Announced the Maundy Thursday service will be held at Stephen's Chapel at 6:00pm. Reviewed the calendar for April and May.

The new pianist is working out well, and she and her family are attending.

It was suggested that the summer break begin May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Security issues were raised as there was a rather unstable transient man who came into the office, without a car, and was very persistent about his needs being met with regard to transportation, or sleeping accommodations. The secretary has concerns about being in the building and entering the building alone without the doors being locked or having been locked. There was no discussion on this.

Betty Bramblett dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting dismissed at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting May 15, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose  
Recording Secretary

## **April/May Calendar Items**

April 14- UMM Breakfast 7:00am  
Palm Sunday Service

April 18- Maundy Thursday Communion Service, will be joining fellow UMC at Stephen's Chapel UMC, 301 Lane Street in Manchester at 6:00pm

April 19-Community Easter Egg Hunt at 2:00pm  
Good Friday Communion Service at our church, led by Youth Ministry at 7:00pm.

April 21-Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service at the Prairie Plains Baptist Church, 4841 Prairie Plains Road, Hillsboro at 7:00am, followed by breakfast, with offering going toward the Backpack Ministry. Reverend Bailey will bring the message.

Easter Service at 11:00am in our sanctuary.

May 12- Mother's Day

May 19- UMM Brunch after Worship and Honoring Graduates

May 27- Memorial Day Sunday

\*Wednesday Evening Meals and Programs- April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15. May 15th is the last day of Coffee County Schools and it was decided that May 15<sup>th</sup> would be the last day of dinners before summer break.