

**HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 17, 2017**

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 7:15. In attendance were ten people: Hope Guffey, Bill Guffey, Tom Foster, Susan Foster, Pastor Chris Haynes, Kelly Smith, Mandy Smith, John Dimitri, Alex Dunavant, Chair Bill Myers and Emily Turner. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Chris Haynes for an opening devotion. Pastor Haynes led a devotion about the writing of the song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" taken from a chapter in a current book study that he is leading on Wednesday nights at the church. Pastor Haynes discussed the circumstances surrounding the writing of this song which included writer Thomas Andrew Dorsey being featured at a large revival meeting in Chicago during the last month of his wife's pregnancy. Dorsey would learn that his wife had died in childbirth and his new son would also die later in the night. In grief yet inspired by his sorrow Dorsey penned the famous song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Pastor Haynes commented that in times of grief we also should seek out inspiration for positive works and reach out to others to share the love of God. 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. John Dimitri offered a motion that the minutes as summarized by Bill Myers be accepted and approved. Kelly Smith provided a second to the motion. There being no further discussion the motion was passed by a vote of the council.

A financial report for the period March 15-May 17, 2017 was presented by Treasurer Bill Guffey. The period began with a beginning balance of \$30,843.16. Income from undesignated and designated offerings and interest earned totaled \$28,450.34 and total period expenses totaled \$22,898.57 leaving an ending checkbook balance of \$36,394.93. It was pointed out that of the ending balance \$15,314.26 is available for undesignated expenses, the remaining \$21,080.67 is maintained in designated account funds. It was also reported that the cost of the church and parsonage grounds maintenance had increase by \$10 per cutting due to the increase time and labor required in the maintenance around the new playground. The treasurer also asked for the council's instructions on the payment of the remaining half of the 2017 annual apportionments. Mandy Smith moved that the church pay the remaining apportionments for the calendar year during the month of June. John Dimitri seconded this motion and the motion passed with a council vote. There being no further treasury reporting, Emily Turner moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. This motion was seconded by Tom Foster and was approved with a vote of the council.

Emily Turner reported that the mothers of the congregation were recognized during the Mother's Day service and a gift was given to each mother by the Special Events committee. The committee is now planning for a Father's Day event. It was noted that we have one graduating senior this year. Emily reported that the Special

Events committee will plan for a banquet to include the graduate, her parents, grandmother, pastor and Mandy Smith who is leader of the UMYF.

Bill Guffey read a report from Susan McKelvey, leader of the children's program and president of the United Methodist Women. On Sunday June 4th the children will present a musical program to the church during the worship service entitled "Back At the Creek bank". The 2017 Vacation Bible School has been planned for Saturday, July 15. VBS will be a one day event this year. Susan will provide further information soon. The Back to School Bash this year will take place on Friday, July 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Susan's report also contained a reminder that the UMW bake sale will take place this coming Saturday, May 20th at the Wal-Mart in Manchester beginning at 8:00 am. Ladies are encouraged to leave their baked goods at the church on Friday.

Tom Foster as chair of the Trustees reported that a toilet downstairs had been rebuilt. An issue still exists with the flooring in the ladies upstairs restroom. A suggested person had examined the floor and determined that the repair was beyond the scope of his capability. Tom reported that he will seek out bids from other contractors. Tom also reported on the following: a tree is down at the rear of the parsonage and it will be removed this coming weekend, the borders of the church flower beds had been sprayed with roundup and that the outdoor carpet had been removed from the rear entrance. The remaining concrete slab will be cleaned and painted with a grit based patio paint.

Kelly Smith reported that the Hillsboro homecoming association is considering a community benefit for Allen Bagley, of the Hillsboro food store. Our parking lot may be utilized for overflow parking from the school. Kelly also recommended that the congregation be made aware of the event and be encourage to participate if so inclined.

Mandy Smith that 3-4 youth would like to attend the District summer camp at Beersheba Springs on June 26th-30th. The cost per person is \$260 and is for ages 6th grade and up. The youth are asking members of the congregation to help fund this camping trip by allowing youth to perform chores around homes and yards in return for donations. A tee shirt sale is also being considered as a means of raising money and potentially a car wash. Bill Myers reminded the council that the church has traditionally assisted youth in attending summer camps by paying up to 50% of the camp expense not raise by the youth. Mandy reported that Summer Sizzler this year will be held on July 21st-23rd. Last year the cost of this event was \$130 per person. Currently the UMYF has funds to use for this event. Members of the congregation historically have also supported this event. Mandy reported that a Family Day at Nashville shores is planned for Sunday July 9th from 10am 8:00 pm at a cost of \$20 per person.

John Dimitri, president of the UM Men reported that ninety people were served breakfast following the Easter Sunrise service held at our church this year. John also reported that the men continue to enjoy healthy attendance at UM Men meetings averaging 17-20 men each month. The men's next meeting will be this

Sunday, May 21st at 7:00 am. John also reported that the UM Men are considering the possibility of sponsoring a second fundraising event for the fall of the year.

Alex Dunavant reported that the youth are still looking for people needing help in their homes and yards. The youth would like to work for these people for donations to support their summer camp plans.

Chair Bill Myers noted a number of upcoming church calendar dates:

- June 7- UM Women
- June 11- UM Men
- June 11- 13 Annual Conference
- June 25 - Fred Willis 90th birthday party at the church
- June 25 - several baptisms are being planned for this day
- July 5 - UM Women
- July 9 - UM Men
- July 19- Next council meeting

Pastor Chris Haynes reviewed the Back Pack program report. A beginning balance of \$6745.63 was reported on March 15, 2017. Donations totaled \$564.97 and expensed totaled \$1148.57 leaving a balance on May 17, 2017 of \$6162.03. The church treasury owes the program \$220 in donations from the congregation. Pastor Haynes also reviewed a request from the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency for the church to consider being used as a community shelter in the event of a tornado. The church would need to agree to providing volunteers to assist in the program and in return the agency would provide shelter kits to the church which includes emergency essentials, a two way radio and a Noah weather radio. Kelly Smith moved that the council move forward with the plan and communicate the information about the program and need for volunteers to the congregation. Tom Foster seconded the motion and the motion passed on a vote by the council. Pastor Haynes reported that we have yet to identify a candidate for our Scholarship fund.

Bill Myers reported that the Estate planning seminar that had been brought up in the last council meeting had been internally with several people including Stuart Myers, Bill Lawson and Terry Gunn with agreement in principle of the seminar and commitments for assistance by some. Pastor Haynes has yet to hear back from the conference contact regarding this. Bill Myers also reported that planning and further discussion are still needed regarding a potential projector or TV monitor presentation system for the church.

There being no further business, John Dimitri dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary