

Hillsboro First United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

May 19, 2021

Members present: Chairman Robert Henley, Pastor Kent Bailey, Bill Guffey, Hope Guffey, Donette Porter, John Dimitri, Susan McKelvey, Alex Dunavant, Bill Myers, Linda Willis, Amy Willis, Ashley Weaver, Bobbie Jones, Emily Turner, Jennifer Myers, Linda Grose.

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Robert Henley. Prayer requests, and devotion by Pastor Kent on Pentecost.

Minutes were mailed in advance to members, but not all received because of the new email address with Ben Lomand. Minutes were read by the Secretary and were approved. First by Bill Myers, second by Linda Willis.

Treasurer's Report

The current status was reviewed. Beginning balance March 1, 2021 was \$75,907.64. Undesignated offerings were \$26,498.00 and designated offerings and income was \$1272.04. Interest was \$17.28. The 2021 budgeted amount is being met. The ending balance as of April 30, 2021 = \$81,801.68. The Parsonage Improvement Fund is now paid out, and remaining bills will be paid from the Capitol Improvement Fund. Motion to approve by Amy Willis and second by Bill Myers.

Rev. Kent Bailey: Covid discussion of percentages, and will begin full worship services on June 6th. Will resume use of sign in pads, communion, children's message, and update usher and greeter list. Will not pass collection plates. Masks will be available but up to each individual, and not required. Reports that the resignation of the piano player, Jeni Howland was accepted. She has taken another job and her last day will be May 30th.

Jennifer Myers: The parsonage is all painted including walls, trim, and doors. The floors have been replaced but for the bathrooms, outdoors it was power washed as well as the drive, walks, and patio. The cost was \$15,538.07. Bill Myers fixed some electrical things. Janitor was good to work with. There will be an open house at Christmas to see the improvements. Would like Pastor to emphasize time to quiet down before service.

Linda Willis: Amount in bulletin posted includes mail in offerings as well as Vanco.

Discussed Student Expo at her school. Has 33 names to make backpacks for needy children. Can give Gideon Bibles with these. Would also like to see a directive from Pastor for time to quiet down at beginning of service.

Bill Myers: Sunday School still has low attendance. Two classes not meeting at all. Average attendance is 25-30 each Sunday. Clarence Bagley was buried in the cemetery today.

Susan McKelvey: The Egg Hunt was a success with 50 plus kids not including adults. Had lots of eggs and the help with this was appreciated. Encouraged prayer for the VBS.

Ashley Weaver: June 2nd and 4:45 there will be a VBS meeting to organize and plan. Still need volunteers. VBS will be on June 25th ,5:30pm to 7:30pm. and June 26th, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Will be making and passing out flyers for this.

Donette Porter: UMW had 8 in the last meeting. Flowers with address to send cards went well as well as peanut butter drive. Next meeting is June 2, and 6:00pm. A new battery for the defibrillator is needed and will cost \$169.00. Current one is expired. She will order and replace.

John Dimitri: UMM met at Croft's for breakfast meeting and had a good time. Had a couple of guests attend. Will meet again at church June 14th, at 7:00am.

Amy Willis: High School Graduation recognition on Sunday May 23rd during worship with no reception.

Robert Henley: Backpack account is at \$74515.21. Pantry items in backpack storage room for pantry. New Postmaster says we will need a post box in front of church for packages. Trustees working on this. Will still retain post box at Post Office.

Linda Grose: Ben Lomand called and directed me to change our email address and those in the database for this address from blomand to benlomand. I have done this and have put notice in bulletin and advised council to make changes. Agenda was sent to me but not received because of the email change in order to email or to make copies, so did at the meeting. Newsletter deadline extended to the 27th this month .

Next Meeting planned for July 21st, at 6:30pm.

John Dimitri closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose
Recording Secretary