

# Hillsboro United Methodist Church

## Church Council Meeting

November 16, 2022

Members Present: Rev. Danny Freeman, Robert Henley, Mandy Willis, Larry McKelvey, Susan McKelvey, Bill Myers, Jim Bramblett, Donette Porter, Jennifer Myers, Bobbie Myers, Ray Weaver, Michael Millraney, Deanna Lawson, Jamie Weaver, Linda Willis, Ashley Weaver, Linda Grose.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Robert Henley. Opened with prayer and a devotion from Brother Danny on Advent. Prayer concerns discussed. Minutes approved, Jamie Weaver, second Mandy Willis.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current status reviewed. Beginning balance on September 1, 2022- \$95,229.42. Undesignated offerings were \$25,864.45. Designated offerings were \$3,803.40. Interest earned \$32.54. Total expenses \$30,097.54. Ending balance \$94,830.27. Linda said she has paid the taxes. Larry McKelvey motion to approve, second by Deanna Lawson .

The Leadership Team 2023 was reviewed and a motion to approve by Linda Willis was made, Ray Weaver second.

**Deanna Lawson:** Will speak with Trustees after the meeting. Says Girl Scouts not cleaning up well after meetings. Asked who was the leader and said she will have a talk with them about it. Emphasized signing up early for ushers and greeters.

**Larry McKelvey:** Did report for Charge Conference, realized a need to have building insurance adjusted with Farm Bureau, looking into interior improvements at the church. Fixed door handle on back door, and the AC. Men's Breakfast has been good, some new attendees.

**Ray Weaver:** Budget 2023 review. Ray motion to approve, Larry McKelvey second. Approved.

**Jim Bramblett:** Church used to have a winter coat drive, would like to see us do that again, and he will head it up. They were previously donated to The Storehouse in Manchester. Approved to go ahead by Robert Henley.

**Michael Millraney:** Average offering \$3,157.00. Is lower than last quarter. \$150.00 more than approved budget and that includes Vanco.

**Bill Myers:** Sunday School books ready for winter quarter. Said Sunday School budget was cut. It was agreed he can have more if needed. The outdoor food pantry is being well used.

**Susan McKelvey:** Trick or Trunk was a success. Many volunteers including one non church family. The Christmas Story Children's Play will be December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, with fellowship following after at 7:00pm. with a special guest.

**Ashley Weaver:** The rotating children's schedule is working well, but should have two helpers in a room. Starting back to Wednesday night programs on January 11<sup>th</sup> after the holiday break. Elementary school closings will decide our meeting schedule for the winter regarding closings and cancellations.

**Michael Millraney:** Youth currently has small number, would like to have more. It was suggested to have them invite friends. Resurrection Youth Conference in Pigeon Forge will be January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. They are also attending a play in Manchester on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Plans for some fund raisers for the youth this coming year. Got equipment installed for camera and computer. Needs 2 people to do audio/visual. Ryan Smith will help and they need more trainees. Plans are for a new cabinet. Wants to do Facebook and audio streaming. Used new equipment this week, sound levels still need to be fine tuned. Camcorder for second camera to use for services and special events. Asks for approval on the purchase being that is it over the original disclosed estimate. Requests approval for \$1800.00. Linda Grose brought up that audio disc has had issues with recordings not loading and has had sound problems. It was said that we will not be using those discs in the near future.

**Mandy Willis:** Operation Christmas Child boxes will be blessed in Sunday service and turned in on Sunday. Food baskets for holidays being worked on. Spiritual Gifts class will meet Sunday at 1:00pm. December 11<sup>th</sup> will be a make up class.

**Linda Willis:** Discussed calendar of events. Christmas caroling planned for December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, with food and fellowship following provided by special events. 8 to 10 food baskets have been prepared. Fall festival went well.

**Robert Henley:** They packed 78 backpacks. Thanksgiving service offering will go the backpack ministry. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for participation. Balance is currently \$2,213.47. We have realized we have been in violation of copyright laws for music streaming, and plan to see about fixing that. Had complaint about prayer chain sending sales ads. There was a lengthy discussion on the concerns of disaffiliating from the Methodist church. It was agreed to form a committee to do research and discuss and come the first of the year with a consensus.

**Donette Porter:** UMW has had small participation last month. May change the time or day. December 1<sup>st</sup> all go on Christmas outing to Beersheeba Springs. About 15 plan to attend. January will be World Thanks Offering.

**Brother Danny Freeman:** Charge Conference went well. Met all qualifications. Church attendance doing well. Would like to make improvements as the new year unfolds.

Brother Danny closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Next meeting, TBA

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose  
Recording Secretary