

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 17, 2018

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday October 17, 2018 at 7:15 with fifteen people in attendance. Present were Chair Bill Myers, Alex Dunavant, Hope Guffey, Jim Bramblett, John Dimitri, Stuart Myers, Elaine Weaver, Bobbie Jones, Emily Turner, Garry Carter, Pastor Kent Bailey, Deanna Lawson, Bobbie Myers, Susan McKelvey and Bill Guffey. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 7:15 and Pastor Kent Bailey opened the meeting with prayer for the work of our council.

Chair Bill Myers began the meeting by explaining that this meeting was being held a month ahead of our regular council schedule in order to approve a 2018 budget and slate of church officers prior to the upcoming November 7th Charge Conference. Bill summarized the minutes from the September council meeting. Garry Carter moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as summarized with a second from Stuart Myers. The motion to accept and approve the minutes was carried with a vote of the council.

An abbreviated financial report was given by Treasurer Bill Guffey reflecting a snapshot of the current financial status of the church. It was reported that upon the direction of the Finance Committee that the Treasurer had inquired at local banks on interest rates on 2 year certificates and had purchased a 24 month CD with a 3% return from Coffee County Bank. The \$30,000 CD was purchased with funds from the general fund account leaving a current checkbook balance of \$42,293.20. The church now owns four CD's at Coffee County Bank totaling \$150,171.48. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted with a vote of the council.

Stuart Myers as chair of the Finance Committee presented the 2019 proposed budget which is an increase of \$530 over the current 2018 budget. Stuart explained changes in funding needs but emphasized that most of the budget remained unchanged. The proposed budget sets spending at \$159,918.25 for 2019 requiring a weekly undesignated offering average of \$3,075.35 to satisfy. The most significant change was an increase in the Missions budget from \$5000 to \$6000. Elaine Weaver as representative for Higher Education and Campus Ministry asked that \$500 of the Missions increase be used to support the MTSU Wesley Center in Murfreesboro. A motion was offered by Jim Bramblett to accept the budget along with Elaine's request. The motion was seconded by Garry Carter and passed with a vote of the council.

Pastor Kent Bailey speaking for the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of church officers for the year of 2019. Pastor Kent reported that to date no willing candidate has been identified for the position of Lay Leader and requested suggestions from the council. Pastor Kent reported that an Audio/Visual

committee had been established to oversee training and operations of the audio and visual equipment in the sanctuary. It was suggested that at least one representative of the youth be added to the committee since the youth currently operate the equipment during worship. Pastor Kent indicated that additions will be made before Charge Conference. The council voted to accept the proposed leadership as it now stands with the understanding that additions can be made prior to Charge Conference.

Susan McKelvey reported that Trick or Trunk will take place on Wednesday, October 31st. There will be no Wednesday evening programs that week to avoid any conflict. Susan also reported that she will extend an invitation to Rev. Ben Ashenfelder of the Asbury UMC to join the us in Trick or Trunk since the children at Asbury church attend school at Hillsboro.

The following calendar dates were noted:

- October 22 - 17 children at Hillsboro School will be measured for clothing from the UM Women
- October 31 - Trick or Trunk at the Hillsboro School parking lot
- November 4 - All Saints Sunday. some acknowledgement during worship of family and friends who have passed in the last calendar year
- November 7 - Charge Conference at 7:15
- November 11 - UM Men meet at 7:00 am
 - Veteran's Day
- November 17 - UM Women meet. This meeting the women will collect their annual Thank offering
- November 18 - Soup Sunday after worship service
 - Community Thanksgiving service at our church
 - finger foods and snacks following the service
- November 21 - No Wednesday meal or programs
- December 1 - decorate church for start of Advent
 - Christmas Cantata at Chapman's Chapel
- December 2 - Christmas Cantata at Chapman's Chapel
- December 9 - UM Men meeting at 7:00 am
- December 11 - UM Women's Christmas meeting at Hope Guffey's
- December 16 - Children's Christmas Program at 6:00, snacks and Santa afterwards
- December 19 - Christmas Caroling

It was emphasized that during the month of December, Wednesday meals and programs will only occur on the 5th and the 12

Pastor Kent Bailey reported that the Methodist Church is suggesting that member churches take a special offering in support of workers going to area of the south devastated by extreme weather. The council discussed possible dates for an offering and suggested October 28 and/or November 4th. Pastor Kent emphasized that a special offering designated to the TN Annual Conference Disaster Fund would be used 100% for disaster relief. Jim Bramblett moved that we collect a

special offering for disaster relief on both October 28th and again on November 4th. The motion was seconded by Stuart Myers and passed with a vote of the council.

Bobbie Myers reporting for the Trustees informed the council that she will be looking for and purchasing a new ice machine for the kitchen.

Alex Dunavant reporting for the UMYF and Scouts informed the council that six youth are planning to attend Warmth in Winter in 2019. Last Saturday, Ryan Smith's Eagle Scout project was started. Hopefully the fire pit will be finished on the upcoming Saturday. Alex indicated that there may be more Eagle Scout projects in the coming year. Alex informed the council that the Scouts are selling tickets for a fundraising, pancake breakfast at the Hillsboro Fire Hall on November 3rd.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, Jim Bramblett dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary