

Hillsboro United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

October 21, 2020

Members Present: Chairman Robert Henley, Rev. Kent Bailey, Deanna Lawson, Bill Guffey, Hope Guffey, Amy Willis, Linda Willis, John Dimitri, Ashley Weaver, Jamie Weaver, Ray Weaver, Bill Myers, Kelly Smith, Donette Porter, Mandy Willis, Linda Grose.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Robert Henley, opening, prayer, by Deanna Lawson, and devotion from Pastor Kent. Prayer requests were noted.

Minutes were mailed in advance to members and were approved. Motion to approve by Amy Willis, and second by John Dimitri.

Treasurer's Report

The current status was reviewed. Beginning balance on August 1, 2020 was \$70,727.98. Including offerings,=\$72,252.12. Worship offerings were \$20,167.50, Vanco \$2330.00, and designated offerings, \$1317.04. \$18.30 Interest earned. CDs= \$156,055.59. Motion to approve budget by Deanna Lawson, second by Kelly Smith.

Rev. Kent Bailey: Charge conference will be Sunday, November 1st at 7:00pm as a Zoom conference. Gave basic directions to join meeting and will send out Zoom link to sign in. Lay Leadership Committee 2021 will be the same as 2020. Keeping all existing positions unless someone wishes to come off and that position can be refilled. All Saints Day will be November 1st. Christmas Service for Communion will be planned as a come and go service from 5 to 7. Recommends to decorate for Christmas as usual.

Deanna Lawson: Met Sunday with Trustees and PPR regarding complaints on our cleaning staff. It was decided to terminate their employment the end of the month . They received a bid for a lower price than existing crew so will start them November 1. Wants to use other creeds in worship service other than Apostle's Creed. Requests to go back to bulletins. People can pick them up as opposed to being handed out. Secretary is to print 75, starting Sunday, November 1. All Saints Sunday is November 1. Has had requests to go back to regular times for church. Suggests trying 9:30 for Sunday School and 10:30 for Worship. Motion to change time on November 1st.

Kelly Smith: Discussed drainage problems. Water has been backing up and plans to move dirt for drainage. Bid to seal, restripe, and replace barriers was \$5,800.00. Looking into a lesser bid. Flooding from stairway was discussed and possible solutions. Water bill was high because there was a broken shut off. It is now repaired as well as running toilets. Discussed replacing dehumidifier, vacuum cleaner, street lights in parking lot. There have been some issues with electrical within the church inside and outside outlets.

Dr. Mandy Willis: Operation Christmas Child time is approaching. Wondered if Food Pantry could also be funded by some of Missions budget. There are 47 children in Backpack ministry. Maybe donate to World Hunger instead of Soup Sunday.

Linda Willis: Suggested Angel Tree Children at Hillsboro K-12. Discussed “Christmas for Others”. Voted to donate coats. Suggests donations for people to shop for this. Discussed Food Baskets. Also suggested cards for shut-ins and ideas developing to include CDs for services for them as well.

Bill Myers: Having Sunday School now, around 27 in Sunday School, low attendance, wonders about changing the time.

John Dimitri: Great turn out from the fall men’s breakfast. There were 21 in attendance.

Donette Porter: UMW are meeting once a month, World Saints offering in November. Reminds us that there will be no raises for staff this coming year.

Ray Weaver: Reviewed and presented proposed 2021 budget., Sum of \$157,332.00. Budget Approved.

Ashley Weaver: Planning a Christmas Program for the children tentatively on December 13th, having the Worship Service at 9:30 and the Children’s Program at 10:30 .Estimates 15-20 children. Also November 15th the children will participate in the service for Veteran’s Day.

Robert Henley: We as a church are blessed financially and otherwise. There is usually a one thousand dollar donation to the Backpack Ministry. There will be no Thanksgiving meal this year. Suggests no carolling this year. There will be a tentative Meeting of December 9th for the Council if needed to discuss business for the new year. Otherwise, will plan to meet in January. Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Willis.

Meeting adjourned. 7:45pm.

Next Meeting planned for January 20, 2020 at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose
Recording Secretary.