

Hillsboro First United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

October 20, 2021

Members present: Chairman Robert Henley, Pastor Kent Bailey, Bill Guffey, Kelly Smith, Bill Myers, Deanna Lawson, Donette Porter, Linda Willis, Amy Willis, Alex Dunavant, Susan McKelvey, Dr. Mandy Willis, Jennifer Myers, Linda Grose.

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Robert Henley. Prayer requests taken and devotion by Pastor Kent on I Thessalonians 5:11. The Minutes were emailed to members and Agenda handed out with the calendar and financial material. Minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion to approve by Linda Willis, second by Linda Grose.

Treasurer's Report:

The current status was reviewed. Beginning balance on July 1, 2021- \$76,742.88. Undesignated offerings were \$31,696.94. Designated offerings and income were \$6403.45. Ending balance \$75,666.35. Expenses were \$39,194.94. Half of annual apportionments paid in the amount of \$9152.50. Motion to approve by Deanna Lawson, second Kelly Smith.

Rev. Kent Bailey: Reviewed Leadership Team 2021-2022. Keeping most all members the same, some will be added and information on that will be forthcoming. Discussed the calendar of events. Motion to approve by Bill Myers and second by Deanna Lawson. Bill Guffey announced that he has decided to turn over the Treasurer's position to Linda Willis in 2022. He has served as the Treasurer for over 8 years and his service in this area has been greatly appreciated. Charge Conference will be on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:45pm and will be online. A link will be sent out to log in. Garry Carter and George Brown will be continuing on as Lay Speakers. Motion to approve by Pastor Kent and second by Kelly Smith. Discussed All Saints Day.

Kelly Smith: Discussion of leak in Sanctuary, lights, parking lot. Bids to seal the lot were as follows: 1) 15k, 2) 11-12k, 3) 8-9k. This would be for cleaning, sealing, painting lines, and replacing barriers. Some rubber, some concrete. Decided to go with the lower estimate and hoping to begin in November. Stair treads are suggested for the new steps on the side of the church. Some discussion of sound system difficulties. Has observed night activity in the parking lot and officers are addressing it. Kelly will be moving off Trustees and as the Chairman and will elect a new Chair at the October 31st meeting.

Robert Henley: Back Pack balance is \$7267.25 and will be \$8568.23. 2022 Budget Proposed. Salaries are to remain fixed. Apportionments lower because of the Conference merging. Made

some budget changes, mostly reductions. Reviewed and discussed each category with corresponding adjustments. Total \$149,691.00. It is a difference of \$8,341.00 with a difference of \$160.40 weekly. Budget approved and motion to approve by Amy Willis, second by Kelly Smith.

Linda Willis: Says will have some decline in weekly offerings each week for the rest of the year. Many give more in January. Angel Tree planning to supply church with names.

Bill Myers: Sunday School classes still not very well attended. Youth Leader is still an empty position.

Susan McKelvey: Currently 6 groups of helpers with children. The Back to School Bash was a success and thanks to those who helped out. Trick or Trunk is planned for Friday, October 29th at 5:00pm. 4:30pm for helpers to set up. Children's Christmas Program still in the works. Should be either the 12th or 19th of December. Discussed 2022 VBS plans.

Dr. Mandy Willis: Shoebox Ministry, Operation Christmas Child to begin in November. Will be putting out shoeboxes. Discussed Soup Sunday and hopes to plan that for January 2022. Recommends we dismiss earlier from Sunday School due to late comers into Service. Bill Myers agrees that dismissal will be at 10:20am.

Donette Porter: Average attendance for UMW has been 5 or 6. The Isaiah 117 items were collected. She attended a meeting for Annual Conference for UMW. They will help with the Angel Tree items.

Jennifer Myers: Memorial Fund recording and cards have been turned over to Linda Grose, Secretary, as well the help of Linda Willis. Discussed donations for Homecoming Cemetery Committee, who has turned over the financial responsibility to the church. Suggests a back to church campaign as well as a committee make calls and send letters and emails. Suggestions made we all do it on our own, and to add personal touch. Pastor said he would look into a committee.

Next Meeting January 19th at 6:30pm.

Motion to close meeting and prayer by Kelly Smith.

Robert Henley adjourned meeting at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose
Recording Secretary