

**HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**September 20, 2017**

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday March 17, 2017 at 7:15. In attendance were: Bill Guffey, Hope Guffey, Chair Bill Myers, Bobbie Myers, Emily Turner, Deanna Lawson, Tom Foster, Susan Foster, Susan McKelvey, Pastor Chris Haynes, Larry McKelvey, Terry Gunn, Stuart Myers, Jim Bramblett, Alex Dunavant, Mandy Smith and Kelly Smith. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 7:15 and Pastor Chris Haynes opened the meeting with devotion. Pastor Haynes noted that with his current Wednesday night study about Communion it is appropriate to talk about *Credo* or "I Believe". Reading from *With Glad and Generous Hearts* by William Willimon Pastor Haynes emphasized that "I Believe" are stirring and courageous words which leave little room for uncertainty. For Paul these words actually meant "I commit myself to this." or "I wholly believe". A common thought today is "it's not so important what you believe as long as you act right". However every Sunday we stand and say a "I Believe". In so doing we are affirming that what we believe does make a big difference in that right beliefs can lead to right actions. Pastor Haynes closed his devotion with a challenge to the council to not be timid in our beliefs but to express our beliefs in a daring fashion. Pastor Haynes led a prayer for the work of the council.

Chair Bill Myers next summarized the minutes from the last council meeting held on July 19, 2017. Larry McKelvey moved that that the minutes as summarized by Bill Myers be accepted and approved. Terry Gunn seconded the motion and the motion was passed by a vote of the council.

Treasurer Bill Guffey presented the financial summary statement for the period July 20, 2017 - September 18, 2017. The church checking account at Coffee County Bank period began the period with a beginning balance of \$26,832.74. Income from all sources including undesignated and designated offerings and interest earned totaled \$27,167.81. Total period expenses totaled \$22,703.57 leaving an ending checkbook balance of \$31,296.98. It was mentioned that all church obligations have been paid and that recent offerings to UMCOR had been paid to the TN Conference and that all collected Back Pack offerings had been paid to this ministry. It was also noted that for the first time this fiscal year the church's undesignated offerings have fallen short of our average budget requirements. Deanna Lawson moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. This motion was seconded by Stuart Myers and was approved with a vote of the council.

Bobbie Myers reported that the Wednesday evening meals currently are not generating enough money through donations to meet the weekly obligation and suggested that we may have draw on the funds budgeted to cover such shortfalls. It was also noted that both the kitchen dishwasher and ice machine issues have been resolved.

Emily Turner reported that our annual church picnic will be held on October 8th after Sunday worship service at the Croft pavilion. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish and a chair. The Special Events committee will provide the drinks.

Deanna Lawson reported that the Back to School Bash was very successful. A number of Sonic gifts cards had been donated by Joyce Johnson for door prize drawings. About fifty adults signed up for the drawing. Everyone received flyers detailing our church activities. Deanna had the opportunity to speak with a number of the gift card winners by telephone and once again spoke to them about our church.

Tom Foster reported that one of the two compressors in the HVAC unit on the cemetery side of the sanctuary is bad. Repair is estimated at \$2000. Tom expects to receive an estimate on the cost for total replacement of the unit. It was noted that with the age of the unit (approx. 20 years) that replacement of the unit should be seriously considered. The other unit servicing the sanctuary was similarly replaced within the last 8 years rather than being repaired. The council suggested that Tom Foster and his Trustee committee meet to decide the best way to deal with the problem and authorized the Trustees to spend the funds available to them in the Emergency and Capital Improvements fund. Tom stated that he would report back if the cost of a new unit will exceed available funds.

Tom also reported that the company that is supposed to repair the hand rail on the front side ramp has been putting him off but they are still planning to do the repair.

Susan McKelvey reported that Trick or Trunk this year will be on Tuesday, October 31st at the Hillsboro School. Susan also reported that the UM Women district retreat hosted by our church went very well. Offerings from the retreat generated about \$800 for the Hillsboro Back Pack ministry.

Stuart Myers reporting for the Finance committee informed the council that a sanctuary video system made up of three 72" television monitors utilizing the current audio system bid by Professional Audio Systems of Franklin is being recommended to the council. The bid was for \$20,984. Stuart also reported that the church had received a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Vera Parks with no designation for its use. Stuart Myers made a motion to the council that the sanctuary video system for the sanctuary be purchased with funds from the Vera Parks bequest and the balance (\$29,016) be invested in the United Methodist Development Fund which is currently paying 1.5%. Deanna Lawson seconded the motion. The recommendation of the Finance committee was approved with a vote of the council.

Jim Bramblett inquired about the status of our pianist. Jim also wanted others to comment on whether the current difficulties might be improved upon if the pianist and choir were to spend time practicing together. Stuart Myers reported that Jennifer Myers plans to spend some practice time with the pianist and make a determination if more time will help with the current situation or if another

solution needs to be sought out. The PPR will be meeting soon and this will be on their agenda.

Alex Dunavant reported that the youth did not get signed up in time and will not be participating in the fall Hands and Feet event this year. Alex reported that the 2018 Warmth in Winter will be held in early February.

Mandy Smith reported that the coffee county One Day of Hope will be held on October 14 at the fairgrounds. Our church has budgeted \$1000 as a donation to this event. Mandy will send the necessary information to the church treasurer so that this donation can be made.

Mandy also reported that a smart TV has been acquired for the youth room and that the room is being secured. Wednesday youth meetings have been good with programs and discussions.

Bill Myers and Pastor Haynes asked if the sanctuary needs to be secured with the addition of the proposed video system. Kelly Smith suggested that rather than locking up the church we should consider indoor and outdoor video surveillance with audio capability. Kelly suggested that an affordable system could be obtained that will record a 5-7 day loop. The council suggested that the Trustees follow up on this proposal.

Pastor Chris Haynes reported that the 2017 charge conference will be held here at our church on October 25 with Rev. Randy Brown presiding. Nominations for church officers and leaders and conference paperwork needs to begin now that we have a date for the charge conference.

There being no further business, Larry McKelvey dismissed the council with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary