

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
September 19, 2018

The Hillsboro First United Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday September 19, 2018 at 7:15 with eleven persons in attendance. Present were Chair Bill Myers, Bobbie Myers, Pastor Kent Bailey, Deanna Lawson, Mandy Smith, Alex Dunavant, Susan McKelvey, Kelly Smith, John Dimitri, Hope Guffey and Bill Guffey. Council Chair Bill Myers called the meeting to order at 7:15 and Pastor Kent Bailey opened the meeting by reading a devotion from the book *My Utmost For His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. Reading from a chapter entitled "What's the Good of Temptation." This reading is based on verse thirteen from *I Corinthians* chapter ten which states "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man." Pastor Kent emphasized that we all face temptations but as long as Christ lives within us we will never face temptation alone. Pastor Kent concluded his devotion with prayer for the work of our council.

Chair Bill Myers summarized the minutes from the July 18th council meeting. Deanna moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved as summarized. Mandy Smith seconded, and the motion was approved with a vote of the council.

Treasurer Bill Guffey presented the financial summary statement for the two month period ending September 17. We began the period with a checkbook balance of \$64,742.49. Period income from both undesignated and designated sources totaled \$28,221.03. Expenses paid from both designated and undesignated funds totaled \$21,945.00 leaving an ending checkbook balance of \$71,018.52. It was reported that \$1000.00 from the Missions budget had been paid to "One Day of Hope." It was noted that the expenditure of \$500 for striping and waxing the fellowship hall was charged to the custodian budget but should have been charged to the church maintenance line. This has been corrected. It was also noted that checks will be written to both the Scholarship recipient and to the Back Pack program this week. In addition to the period financial summary and budget status reports, copies of current state of all designated funds were also distributed to the council for their information. Mandy Smith moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Susan McKelvey seconded the motion and the report was accepted with a vote of the council.

Deanna Lawson reported that she is planning a new Tuesday book study and has selected *Grace* by Max Lucado. More information on this will be announced in the October newsletter.

Mandy Smith reported that the UMYF has been having good Wednesday evening discussions on science and faith. During the past year the youth attended "Warmth in Winter" and the "Summer Sizzler." The youth recently attended the Cancer Walk in support of the Multi County Cancer Support Network. The youth are not

participating in this year's "One Day of Hope" but do plan to attend "Warmth in Winter" and also hope to participate in the mission trip "Appalachian Service Project."

Alex Dunavant reiterated much of what Mandy reported regarding UMYF activities. Alex reported that the youth are excited about the planned mission trip to the "Appalachian Service Project." Alex also reported that Wednesday evening discussions are going great and the youth are looking forward to the construction of Ryan Smith's Eagle Scout fire pit so that they can hold their Wednesday evening meeting there.

Susan McKelvey reported that Trick or Trunk is approaching and will take place on Wednesday, October 31st. The council decided to cancel all Wednesday evening programs to avoid any conflict. Susan reported that two groups of children meet on Wednesday evenings led by Ashley Weaver and Terri Willis. The groups are combined for reading of Bible stories.

John Dimitri reported that the UM Men had eighteen men in attendance at their last meeting. The next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 13th at 8:00 at the Croft Pavilion. John also reported that the UM Men had decided to purchase a brick in support of Ryan Smith's Eagle scout project.

Bobbie Myers reporting for the UM Women stated that president Elaine Weaver will soon be distributing a list of needs for the Shepherd's House in Tullahoma for the month of October. Peanut butter and jelly has been selected as the item for the month of November in support of Good Samaritan. Bobbie also reported that Wednesday evening meals and programs continue but do not seem to be growing and that the funds appropriated for the meal will likely be needed to see the program through the 2019 school year.

Bill Myers reported that the Boy Scouts are trying to open up both the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts to interested girls. Girls in Cubs Scouts would be assigned to separate dens and girls in Boy Scouts would be assigned to separate troops. Following some discussion Bill Myers moved that our church be open to sponsoring a girls den and/or a girls troop should interest of girls in the community warrant such an action. Kelly Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a vote of the council.

Tom Foster reported that the most all the parsonage repairs had been completed with the exception of one door lock that needs to be replaced. Tom also reported that there are still some remaining metal folding chairs available to be claimed by anyone interested.

Pastor Bailey informed the council that reports need to be turned in to the Conference two weeks prior to the Charge conference which is now tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 7th at 7:17. Committees need to meet soon, particularly the Nominations committee and the Finance committee.

Pastor Kent also reported that he had been approached by a congregant about extending an invitation to Elizabeth Montgomery to come to our church to sing and collect a love offering for her performance. Pastor Kent asked the council's permission to look into this without commitment and was granted so.

Pastor Kent also reported that he had placed an ad with the conference in support of our search for a part time pianist. The search continues by both Jennifer Myers and Jim Bramblett.

Pastor Kent asked the council to establish an Audio/Visual committee which could consist of youth and adults to insure a pool of trained and knowledgeable persons to assist in the development and presentation of audio and visual materials in the sanctuary during worship and other events held in the sanctuary. The council was supportive of this additional committee.

Pastor Kent also asked for approval to purchase digital media containing the music of the Methodist Hymnal for use when live piano is not available. Bobbie Myers made a motion that Pastor Kent purchase this media. The motion was seconded by Mandy Smith and approved with a council vote,

Pastor Kent reported that the community Thanksgiving service will be held either at our church or at the Asbury UMC this year.

Pastor Kent also reported that the Trustees had changed all the locks in the parsonage except for the front door so that all the doors work on one key.

Bill Myers reported that he is trying to arrange for Pastor Kent to be established as the designated person in charge of the emergency shelter at our church.

The upcoming calendar events were noted:

- October 3 No Wednesday night programs
- October 10 UM Women meeting
- October 13 UM Men breakfast at Croft pavilion
Eagle Scout firepit work begins
- October 17 next council meeting
- October 20 work continues on firepit
- October 31 Trick or Trunk; no Wednesday evening programs
- November 7 Tentative night for Charge Conference
- Nov 18 Soup Sunday
Community Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving
- Dec 2 first Sunday of Advent

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

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Guffey - Recording Secretary