

# Hillsboro United Methodist Church

## Church Council Minutes

September 20, 2023

Members Present: Mandy Willis, Larry McKelvey, Bill Myers, Pastor Danny Freeman, Jennifer Myers, Susan McKelvey, Donette Porter, Emily Turner, Bobbie Myers, Michael Millraney, Linda Willis, Jamie Weaver, Jim Bramblett, Robert Henley, Pat Williams, Ashley Weaver, Linda Grose.

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Robert Henley. Prayer concerns and devotion by Pastor Danny. Minutes were emailed and reviewed. Corrections raised by Linda Willis are noted. Motion to approve minutes by Jim Bramblett, second by Larry McKelvey.

**Treasurer's Report:** Current status reviewed. Beginning balance June 30, \$133,293.90. Undesignated offerings were \$ 33,754.75, designated offerings, \$3341.06, interest earned, \$48.09, undesignated expenses, \$20,228.04, designated expenses, \$505.85. Ending balance on August 31, \$149,358.85. Linda Willis asked for a motion to use the general fund to write a check for the disaffiliation fees. Motion to use general fund by Pat Williams, second by Jamie Weaver. Motion passed. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Jamie Weaver, second by Larry McKelvey.

**Pastor Danny Freeman:** Lay Leadership Committee structure questioned going forward and discussed. It was decided to keep it the same, following the 2016 Discipline re: structure. Membership roles, and membership to be discussed with his team as to what that will look like going forward as well. Have been averaging 108-110 in attendance. Possibly will have charge conference, committees to remain the same as always, maybe the end of November. Community services like Thanksgiving, Easter to be proposed to host these at our church. The Sunday before Thanksgiving will be the Thanksgiving service, 5:00pm. Possibly with food, undecided. Open to the community.

**Pat Williams:** Parsonage doors need to be replaced. Working on that.

**Jim Bramblett:** Questioned who the church will affiliate with.

**Michael Millraney:** Met budget with designated offerings. \$4258.38. \$1,255 ahead of average on a weekly basis. There are 7 in the youth group. Planning activities over next few months. Possible camping trip, planning to go to Resurrection in January 2024. Open to suggestions for activities. Spaghetti fund raiser was a success and over \$2000 was raised. Questioned the name of the new church for possible shirts. Hopes to rent a van to go to Resurrection. Lengthy discussion about microphones.

**Bill Myers:** Averaging around 36 for Sunday School. Would like to encourage more to come to Sunday School. Suggestion was raised for a younger class. Plans to keep same SS material going forward. Discussed Little Pantry items, and possibly form a committee to look into ways to fund it.

**Susan McKelvey/ Ashley Weaver:** Ashley got confirmation for October 31, 4:30 pm for Trick or Trunk. Have had 10-15, ages 6 mo-3<sup>rd</sup> grade . Doing memorization of scripture. Discussed the Christmas play.

**Mandy Willis:** Set a date for Soup Sunday, October 15 following service. Funds raised will go to Backpack ministry and the Little Pantry. Operation Christmas Child will take place in November.

**Donette Porter:** The UWF meet Third Thursday, next meeting September 21. Ice Cream Social this coming Sunday. They are averaging around 8 at meetings. Keeping the same officers that were chosen 3 years ago. Planning a Christmas get together open to all women. UMW has asked for money in funds to be returned. Robert says we won't be doing that.

**Linda Willis:** \*Linda Willis presented an addendum for her part in the minutes of last meeting. She also raised several corrections to the last minutes. Her addendum is attached. She also requested to have July minutes corrected for her name to be off children's rotation list, as was said at the July meeting she was on with Lori. This note represents that correction.

Presented packet on missions projects the church is involved in. Fall Festival scheduled for October 29. Veteran's Recognition will be November 12. Wednesday night programs will follow the school for the calendar and weather conditions.

**Jennifer Myers:** Working on possible meal delivery in Hillsboro and Manchester.

**Larry McKelvey:** UMM attendance good. Around 35 were at the Croft Pavilion for fellowship and breakfast. Plans to refresh the church in 2024. Will plan a work day in October for the cemetery.

**Robert Henley:** There will be a PPR meeting soon to discuss salaries. Backpack balance is \$1777.96. 80 bags filled on September 14. Ice Cream Social could donate their funds to this as will Soup Sunday and Thanksgiving offering. It takes about \$2700.00 a month for 80 bags. Discussed new name will be Hillsboro Methodist Church. Motion to use this name by Jamie Weaver, second by Jim Bramblett. Trustees working on bylaws being changed, and to register with the state. 2016 Book of Discipline to be used to write the bylaws. Plans are to discuss changes. Trustees will agree and decide. Needs to be filed and completed before November 13, 2023. May need special meeting in October to finalize and approve. October 18 at 7:15pm. He suggests new committee to try to select what church to affiliate with. Committees will discuss financial needs to make the new budget. Next year will not have apportionments. Need to decide what to do with missions support. May not want to support the UMC in past ways due to disaffiliation and all that implies. Thanks all for their patience and understanding during the process of deciding the direction of the church.

Closing Prayer: Donette Porter

Adjourned at 8:53pm. Next Meeting: November 15 at 7:15pm.

Possible next special Meeting October 18 at 7:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Grose  
Recording Secretary