

Church Council Meeting

Date:

*Being the authentic Body of Christ, by receiving God's love and abundant life,
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
To reach, gather, welcome, heal and serve others so that Christ is lifted up.*



Vision Picture by Bill Asman

Church Council Covenant

1. Listen with intention
2. Respect others opinions
3. Speak for yourself only
4. Speak from prayerful discernment

Attending May 1, 2016

Pastor Duane Corle, Alan Sizemore (Presiding), Terrie Scarboro (Recording), Kayln Wiley, Rich Downing, Phyllis Linscheid, Penny Brown, Peggy Rice, Walt and Pat Farris, Lorraine Asman, Elizabeth Corle, Rebecca Frost, Carol Young, Brad and Jane Pippinger, Jake Morrow

Meeting was called to order at 4: 00 by Alan Sizemore.

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastor Duane opened with prayer. Alan gave a devotion on “Overtaken” Deut. 8:2 –Are we where we need to be?

Ministry Reports

Preschool: Beth Stevenson (No report submitted)

Pastor Reported:

- May 18—2's and 3's end of school gathering –during the morning
- May 19—preschool graduation at 6:30 PM
- They will be ending class on May 27th
- They will take a couple of weeks off then start in on their summer schedule
- The 4 year old class for next year is already full

Children's Ministry: Pastor Duane reporting

- Had a meeting today (May 1) to discuss VBS
- Date will be July 25-July28th in the evening (5:30-8:30) and will begin with a meal
 - Friday will be a celebration
- Theme/Curriculum will be Surf Shack ---from Cokesbury
 - Geared toward New Testament
- Kayln will be the overall coordinator for VBS
 - There will be leaders/coordinators under her for crafts, drama, food, games, etc.

- There are several ministry coordinators within the ministry team for Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Church
- Peggy helped adapt the curriculum for the nursery
 - They hear a Bible story and hear music
- Working with Salem UMC to include them
 - Jake mentioned that we need to make sure their volunteers were aware of/have been through Safe Sanctuary Training.
 - Pastor Duane will f/u

Youth Ministry: Kayln Wiley reporting

- Shared that we had two confirmands who attended confirmation weekend
 - They have shown great growth
- May 22 will be Confirmation Sunday
- June 5 will be Graduation recognition Sunday along with Celebrating the anniversary of the church
- Church wide baseball trip—June 26
- Manna food drive has kicked off
- Summer activities are still in planning stage
 - Summer lunch program would be a good volunteering opportunity
- Salem UMC is still attending
- Kayln encouraged everyone to be in prayer regarding ways you could become involved
- Kayln is preaching on Pentecost

Worship, Choir, Praise Team: Terrie Scarboro, Alan Sizemore, Carol Young reporting

- Good feedback received regarding Maundy Thursday Service.
 - Well attended with members from Alexander UMC, Christ UMC and Salem UMC
- Worship planning meeting held on April 20.
 - Ideas, visuals, songs, scriptures discussed for Sunday's through June.

Choir

- We will sing through June and then take a six week break.

Praise Team

- No report

Witness Outreach: Elizabeth Corle/Rebecca Frost reporting

- Assisted with the garden blessing/kickoff luncheon
- Hosted the small group meeting last week
- Voted to proceed with \$100 donation for the 5K Fire Cracker race
- Will work with the Children's ministry team for VBS
- Heard about a new ministry for the church and gave approval
 - Penny Brown (Community Resource Coordinator) reported on a new ministry which has been placed on her heart
 - Assist with services needed navigating through the system (Aaron Project)
 - First 6 months will be two parts
 - Helping with church family(s)—2 days week
 - Looking for/write grants—1 day week
- As it evolves, persons may be trained similar to other ministries to go with families as an advocate
- Idea is to begin with this church and then possibly expand. Training would be available

Prayer Ministry:

- No formal report from Don
- Phyllis reported that the group has been meeting and still conversing with Don

Membership Care: Jane Pippinger reporting

- Reported that Lorraine is doing well
- Asked Kathryn Lee if she can bring Faye Henderson some
 - Rebecca brought her once
 - Jane can bring her one week
 - Sue has brought her some
 - Would like to work up a schedule

Lay Leader: Peggy Rice

- Hand out (UMC General Conference)
 - Will begin on May 10
 - Asked for prayers for this conference and that delegates will be open to the Holy Spirit
 - Sets policy for the UMC
 - It is an international group
 - Responsible for revisions to the Book of Discipline
 - Sets budget for the global UMC
 - See handout regarding topics for the conference
- Hand out on Personalizing the Lord's Prayer
 - Peggy encouraged putting in "all delegates for the general conference"
- Congregations for Children
 - Looking to see if our church is ready to sink our teeth into it
 - Achieve K-3 literacy
 - Through this, we could make a difference
 - Develop relationships with the schools
 - See handout
 - Summer Feeding program coming up and there will be two training events
 - Mon. May 16th from 5:30-8:00 PM and then May 23rd from 5-7:30 PM

Pastor's report: Rev. Duane Corle reporting

- Thanked congregation on how we are involved in community and in discipleship
- He has been reappointed for another year
 - Looking at what his focus will be for the congregation for the coming year
 - Discipleship focus
 - Applying 4 principles
 - Applying Kingdom principles
 - How do we put flesh on it
 - Looked for Biblical references
 - Ways we are doing this---caring for the least of these
 - C4C
 - Community Garden
 - Manna
 - VBS
 - Small Group Discipleship Ministry
 - Add in a small group ministry oriented on asking how is it with your soul
 - Continue with Bible study/book study as indicated
 - Meeting is this Thursday, May 5 from 6:30-8:00 PM to discuss
 - Involvement with Salem also on this

Business reports

Minutes:

- .Brad moved that the minutes be approved. Jake seconded—motion carried that they be approved

Finance: Brad and Carol reporting

- Meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 6:00 PM
- Carol reported that the hand out is through April (see handout)
 - \$1000 given for youth outreach
 - Currently we are 5% behind in giving

SPRC: Jake (Reporting)

- The group met last week
- We are at a good place with staff
- Theme for the coming year is that the committee/congregation adopt a staff member to check in with
 - Support pastor in taking his time
 - Off in April for confirmation retreat
 - Off May 15 as head spiritual leader for Emmaus (Kayln will preach)
 - She has just been certified to be in her process for becoming a Deacon)
 - Off on June 19th for Annual Conference (Kayln will preach)
 - Off on July 24th will be at Aldersgate (Sherri Noble will preach)
 - Off Aug. 7th for vacation (Rick Phillips will preach)

Trustees: Rich Downing reporting (see attached)

- The Heat Pump and Furnace for the Pre-School and Sunday School area will be replaced the first week of June. The cost will be \$7,255.00. There were three original units when the church was built. The one we are replacing was installed in 1988. This is the second one that will/has been replaced. Will try to get a programmable thermostat for this one.
- The wind blew some shingles off the roof. John Frost replaced them, and he also replaced the bulb in the steeple light.
- The outside water faucet was repaired. On the work day (Saturday, April 16th) the following projects were completed: Weeds were pulled and new mulch was put on the bank in the front. The yard and shrubbery were trimmed. The chairs in the sanctuary were cleaned. The kitchen was cleaned. The sidewalks and cement on the bridge were power washed. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.
- There is a problem with the condenser on the refrigerator. Rick B. has a new condenser when we need it.
- The church has a new riding mower.
- Our next Trustee's meeting is Tues. May 10th at 5:30 PM.

Closing:

Pastor asked how it is with our souls. He reported that it is well with his and his family' soul. He is looking forward to how we are focusing in ministry/discipleship. Lorraine feels so blessed that so many people at church helped her so much. Penny reported that it is well with her soul. Her husband Terry has returned to work and funds were given to pay off their medical bills. Alan said some days his is good and some days not. Rich stated that God blesses those who follow him and he thinks that is true about this church.

Brad moved that the meeting be adjourned. Carol seconded. The motion carried. Pastor Duane closed in prayer.
Next Mtg. August 14th at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Scarboro, Recording Secretary