

Church Council Meeting

Date: Jan. 29, 2017

*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 Jan. 29, 2017

Alan Sizemore (Presiding), Pastor Duane Corle, Terrie Scarboro (Recording), Elizabeth Corle, Carol Young, Kayln Wiley, Laura Lever, Rich Downing, Jim Gordon, Peggy, Gordon, Brad Pippinger, Jane Pippinger, Walt Farris, Lorraine Asman, Jake Morrow, and Robin Machol

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

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Corle opened with prayer. Alan then read a devotional from the Upper Room based on Isaiah 40: 28-31

Ministry Reports:

Preschool: Pastor Duane reported—There is a preschool support team meeting coming up on Feb. 21. Information will be sent out regarding this meeting. The trustees are working on getting an extender for the Wi-Fi setting. Parks computers is working on this with Beth.

Children's Ministry: Elizabeth reporting—

- There was a Children's ministry meeting last Sunday. There is going to be a parent night out/movie night on Feb. 17. There will be food/craft. This is an opportunity for parents to have a night out.
- In April, there will be an Easter egg hunt on April 2 which is the Fed on the First Sunday. The date was moved from Palm Sunday in order to coincide with the Fed on the First.
- July 10-14 is the date for VBS. The curriculum this year is on "Heroes". The curriculum will be on Mon.-Thurs. and a cook out on Friday.

Youth Ministry: Kayln Wiley reporting

- Two weeks ago, 17 went on the Winter Retreat. This has set a good tone for the youth group. They are already asking about things to do together both Mission and general meeting together.
- Kayln asked if anyone knows about where to obtain couch covers at a reasonable cost.
- On March 25th, the youth will be attending Winter Jam, in Greensboro.
- Kalyn gave praise for youth mentors. This has been a really good experience.

Worship, Choir, Praise Team:

Terrie Reporting (Worship)

- Worship: The worship team met on Wednesday, Jan. 25th to begin discussion and planning of the Lenten season. Pastor Duane presented the over-arching theme. The group then looked at the weekly scriptures and presented ideas. The next meeting is March 22, 2017.

Carol Reporting (Choir)

- Choir: Choir begins this week (Feb. 1). All are invited.

Alan Reporting (Praise Team)

- Alan reported that there is a men's Emmaus coming up on Feb. 16. If you know of a gentleman who would benefit/like to attend, please let us know.
- If you have suggestions for songs, the Praise Team is always open

Witness Outreach: Elizabeth Corle reporting

- The first meeting was about a week ago. Fed on the First Mission focus plans have been made through July. There will be a visitor at the Feb. meal and the focus is on_____
- Mission focus for March is Wesleyan Foundation
- April the focus is on the community garden
- May-Givens
- June, Western Carolina Rescue Mission
- July is Room in the Inn
- Trying to get visitors for each of the Missions.
- Today, we had our first Shout Out Moment which we will have on the fifth Sunday of each month.
- There is a manna event planned on Friday, Feb. 24 from 9-noon. We will take the church van.

Prayer Ministry:

- Pastor stated that the prayer team is excited to come along side of the Witness Outreach group in the ministry opportunities, praying for them and for the 5th Sunday Shout Out heart moment.

Membership Care: Jane Pippinger reporting

- Le'Ann and Jane have been quite busy. Jane has made phone calls and Le'Ann has done some visiting. They have been able to set up meals on wheels for someone and Jane has taken a meal to Connie.
- There is not a committee. Jane or Le'Ann are just calling folks to help.

Lay Leader: Laura Lever—No report given.**Pastor's report:** Rev. Duane Corle reporting

- Pastor welcomed everyone. He thanked those who are new as well as veterans. Thank you for your willingness to serve. He announced that he will be gone Monday-Friday this week on his annual study leave.
- Fed on the First is our opportunity to get our feet wet in the ministry in the community. We have many more opportunities to participate in ministry from the race in July to Trunk or Treat in the fall.
- Regarding the meeting scheduled, there are some challenges in July. Pastor is looking to reschedule these.
- There is also a handout with the new church leadership. This is the most up to date hand out at present

- The year-end statistics have been submitted. New this year is a report where you have to communicate how you are in ministry other than the numbers. (How you are trying to disciple people/how you are trying to be in ministry and outreach. Other ways we are in ministry are the Grace Groups, the Branch Out Groups, and there is a Deep Roots group.
- Pastor wanted to lift Kayln up. She has finished and submitted her paper work consideration for Ordination for Deacon. The expectation is that she will pass her boards later in the spring. The SPRC and Pastor have been in conversation regarding what will happen. There is a minimum salary that would be required for her to stay here. There have been conversations about a parish type ministry. The way it looks right now is that it will not work out. Once she has had her meetings, and she has been approved, communication will begin regarding a healthy goodbye and then the SPRC will be in conversation on what that will look like for us in the future.

Business reports:

Minutes: Rich moved to approve the minutes. Brad seconded. The group voted and the minutes were approved.

Finance: Carol reporting

- The receipt for pledges and envelopes is \$20 less than shows. Shift that \$20 to preschool designated fund. YTD giving is \$20 less than it shows.
- Finished the year in good shape. All bills were paid.
- As of today—not including today's deposit. We have approx. \$5100 in general budget and bills due are around \$4200. That will leave us with little in the budget.
- Jan. has been tough due to the snow and then one Sunday of very low giving. Pastor asked that we all be aware and assist hi in not worrying.

SPRC: Jake reporting

- Jake concurred with pastor in the report regarding Kayln and the youth position. This will probably be the main focus of this year. Jake stated that it is a good thing to support Kayln in her ministry.

Trustees: Rich Downing reporting

- We had a meeting on Jan. 10th. We have converted to Charter Business. Things appear to be going well. There is a TV hook up in the sound area.
- The youth room was a very laborious venture. The sheet rock on the wall had to be replaced and then painted. Walt, Rich and Walt Shriner all worked to put the room back together.
- The safety light between the two bathrooms have been replaced. The next meeting we will be discussing a new heating unit. Once replaced, this will be the last of the original of the heat pumps. We saved on the electric bill last year by replacing two of the units and look for more savings if we replace the last old unit.
- We have had some compliance issues with the state regarding our water testing. We are working with our water testing personnel.
- Pastor asked that we keep an eye out on the motion flood lights at the back door. Another cost savings measure is that we have a new copier. We saved on the service fee. We also saved on converting to Charter Business.
- Jane suggested a railing on the back ramp.
- Next Meeting for Trustees in March 14, 2017 at 7:00pm next Trustee's Meeting

Alan asked if there was any additional discussion. He thanked Pastor for all the hours he put in for submission of the year end statistics. Carol moved to adjourn, Brad seconded. The group voted and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM with Pastor closing in prayer.

Next Mtg.: March 12 at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Scarboro