

Church Council Meeting

Date: Mar 12, 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 Mar 12, 2017

Alan Sizemore (Presiding), Pastor Duane Corle, Carol Young (Recording), Elizabeth Corle, Brad Pippinger, Jane Pippinger, Walt Farris, Don Nagel, Jake Morrow,

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 40 Devotions for Lent Guideposts, page 10, 4th Day Saturday Numbers 4:6-26

Communion was served. We should receive Communion with the expectation of meeting the Lord. We followed The Great Thanksgiving for Early in Lent (adapted from page 12 of the hymnal)

A discussion followed on “What is our (Council) purpose?”, “What are we doing?” and “Is it embodying the Church?”

Alan proposed that future ministry reports address the following topics:

- What do we do to make sure we're moving toward the future?
- What are the hopes and dreams for each ministry?

Discussion points:

- Don Nagel – we are the arms, legs and feet but what about the heart?
- Look at the concept of elders of the church
- What is the function/purpose?
- Currently a regular “guy” vs holy obedience in service or purpose as a Council member
- Alan – if we talk the talk we must walk the walk – must be representative of the way we want to go – be leaders – congregation looks to us to see action and steps toward our direction
- Jane Pippinger – How do you see the heart coming thru?

- Pastor Duane – Manifested by applying the Book of Discipline – “Council is executive agency. It exists to create and devise an effective plan. Envision, plan, implement and evaluate the mission for the congregation.”
- Keep the big picture in front of the people.
- Manifest through support and direct toward big picture
- Jake – set priorities; ministries of the heart and nurturing, then business

Ministry Reports:

Preschool: Pastor Duane reported—there are children in the preschool during the week. How can we engage in the PS ministry and come alongside them as part of membership care? Follow up by someone.

Children’s Ministry: Report by Pastor Duane – Direction is a team approach which will continue for now. How can we facilitate more congregational help/support? Be joyful and invitational to facilitate a “rotation” type of model. Joint ministry with Salem UMC. Logistical question? Last fall we received a stipend from Salem for the Advent program for materials, food and leadership. Can Christ add to the supplement for the spring session? Motion by Brad Pippinger with second by Don Nagel and approved by Council to make a \$200.00 contribution to Salem UMC for the spring program. We were issued a challenge to volunteer and make a joy connection with Salem. Hopes and dreams? – To nurture children who are here – working toward serving the children.

What are we teaching? Biblical world view is being taught to our children. Want to teach basic principles and overall world view. How can we make sure we are teaching basics for a good foundation for later? Challenge now is consistent attendance. Give the opportunity for learning and the best we can give. Give example of curriculum next meeting.

Youth Ministry: Report by Pastor Duane

- Kayln’s last full week ends 4/2 and the service will include special recognition. She will continue Sunday evening youth through the end of the school year.
- Curriculum is already in place
- Volunteers are needed for Sunday School – class will break for the summer
- Evaluating for future direction
- Be in prayer for guidance
- Prayer ministry will join in

Worship, Choir, Praise Team:

Terrie Reporting (Worship)

- Worship: Meeting scheduled for 3/22 to finalize Easter/Holy Week activities
- Hopes & dreams – Hope that in the midst of worship we will encounter God and hear what God speaks to us

Carol Reporting (Choir)

- Choir is open to all
- Hope & dreams – to touch the congregation through music as another form of worship

Witness Outreach: Elizabeth Corle reporting

- Meeting 3/21
- Headed – how we can help connect, i.e. family movie night – usually get some families that don’t attend here
- Manna event – some that participated do not attend here – good outreach – reorient world view opportunity

Prayer Ministry: Don Nagel reporting

- Hope to gain more members.
- Good to pray together
- How to have more people? – Make known to church.
- Invitation directly from Don

Membership Care: Jane Pippinger – no information to report

Lay Leader: Laura Lever—No report given.

Pastor's report: Rev. Duane Corle reporting

- How can we be co-creators in the ministries of the church?
- Sense is that we're headed in the right direction
- Big Emmaus connection / well regarded in the community

Business reports:

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

Finance: Carol reporting

- Extra bills were paid
- Well testing – waivers can be applied for now but it is an endurance process
- We need to continue to move toward energy efficient lighting as bulbs are replaced.

SPRC: Jake reporting

- Keep staff in prayer.
- Pastor doing a good job
- In a good place with staff

Trustees: Rich Downing written report presented.

- Planning a spring work day
- Discussed the replacement of another heating unit
- Church and parsonage inventory needs to be updated for insurance purposes
- Outside faucet needs repair
- Automatic lights at bridge and sanctuary back door need attention

How can we make sure we are good stewards with our resources?

Alan closed with comments regarding the new input and thoughts for Council meeting.

Carol moved to adjourn, Brad seconded. The group voted and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM with Pastor closing in prayer.

Next Mtg.: May 7, 2017 at 4:00 PM (first Sunday instead of 2nd due to Mother's Day on 5/14)

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Young

Secretary Pro Tem