

## **Church Council Meeting**

**Date: May 7, 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*

### **Attending May 7, 2017**

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 by Alan Sizemore.

### **Opening Prayer and Devotion: Pastor**

#### **Church Council Covenant**

Listen with intention Duane opened in prayer. Alan explained to the group how he came up with the devotion. He led the group in a devotion out of God calling. (Uniting together with one another with other believers)

#### **Review and approval of March minutes:**

- Rich made a motion to accept the minutes, Walt seconded.  
The minutes were approved with one spelling correction

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Trustees—Rich Downing reporting
  - Spring work day
    - Parking lot has been striped
    - Light sensor light replaced on upper bridge
    - Decided to delay the decision on the new air-conditioning unit until Oct. to make sure finances are OK
    - Walt Shriner has checked ceiling but wants to make sure there is no further leak
    - A monitor has been set up in the nursery to assist with them hearing the sermon
    - We keep getting delinquent water report. James Emory is coming to discuss Tues. night
    - Craftsman mower is broken and is being repaired
    - Still need to paint the room next to the Pre School Office
- SPRC—Pastor Duane reporting/Jake
  - Discussion on the youth position (reduced to 10 hours)
  - 3% cost of living increase for the Pastor, Connie, Barbara, and Lisa
  - Considering a Children's position with budgeting for it in 2018 along same lines of Youth position
    - Contingency plan—if budget does not improve by July and if we don't find an applicant for the youth, then we will then revert to the contingency plan which would be a volunteer position.
    - Another part of the contingency is combining with another church. Kent and Duane have discussed
      - One lead confirmation
      - One lead youth

- Finance—Brad/Carol reporting
  - Today's offering was a good first Sunday
  - The challenge has been having a low general budget balance
  - We have not made an apportionment payment in April
  - Duane met with leadership of different groups to discuss attendance, finances, direction of church
    - The group has been in prayer about decisions
    - Talked about fund raising for specific items
      - Well water testing
    - Be invitational in new and various ways so new people are drawn to Christ
      - UMC and Christ in general
      - How to communicate to everyone that we don't want them here just for their bodies, but to grow in Christ
    - Led to the discussion regarding the decision that the SPRC has made

### **Open Discussion:**

- Children's Position
- Youth Position
- Finances

Pastor Duane explained his drawing of a house: prevenient, justifying, sanctifying grace

Youth Sunday night-Porch

Moving night-porch

Youth outing-Door

Deep routes-house

Membership care-house

Children Sunday night-porch

Firecracker 5 K-porch

Community garden-porch

Trunk or treat-porch

VBS-door

Fed on first-porch

Volunteer at manna-house

ABCCM-house

Room in the Inn-house

Youth Sunday School-house

Nominations and leadership-house

Adult Sunday School-house

Children' Sunday school-house

Trustees-house

Special worship services-door

AA-porch

Praise Team-house

Senior meals-house

SPRC-house

Finance-house

Children's Church-door

Worship-Door

Grace Group-house

Choir-house

Prayer team-house

Witness outreach-door

Worship team-house

Prayer-door

Branch out group-house

Girl scouts-porch

Nursey-house

Church council-house  
Preschool-porch  
Easter Egg hunt-porch  
Mowing team-house  
Visitor outreach-porch

We need to be doing at least three things that are on the porch---dying to do some of the exterior stuff. If all we are doing is in the house, all we are doing is feeding ourselves. We are not feeding others. We have to be willing to get out of our comfort zone.

**Additional Discussion:**

Pastor informed the group (and Jake concurred) the discussion held by the SPRC regarding the Youth position, the proposed salary increase for noted staff, and the discussion regarding the children's position. After some discussion, the council voted to approve the SPRC recommendation as proposed, regarding the Youth position being reduced to a 10 hour/week, the 3% increase for the Pastor, the Secretary, the Praise Team Lead, and the Nursery Worker, and also considering the children's position for 2018. They also voted on planning to use volunteers if a Youth person is not found. Brad made the motion to approve, and Jane seconded. All but one voted Aye.

**Next Meeting Date:** July9, at 4:00 PM

**Move to Dismiss:** Brad Pippinger moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Closing Prayer:** Alan Sizemore led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terrie Scarboro