

Church Council Meeting

Date: October 08, 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

Alan Sizemore (Presiding), Pastor Duane Corle, Connie Barnett (Recording), Carol Young, Rich Downing, Laura Lever, Sherri Noble, Brad Noble, Brad Pippinger, James Machol, Lorraine Asman, Mary Ann Sizemore, Betty Wyrick, Jake Morrow.

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

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Duane opened with a prayer. Alan gave the devotional from "Jesus Calling," about Dynamic Relations

Pastor Duane reported on the Budget for 2018 - attached last page of minutes

\$107,080 by promises.

Brad P. made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget,

Rich D. seconded the motion.

All in favor of approval.

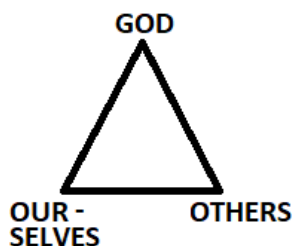
Announcement that the Missional Network Charge Conference is at Clark's Chapel on Nov. 12, at 3:00pm, with Rev. Ray Kiess.

Basically this will be our next Church Council Mtg.

Pastor Duane's Report about "One Big Thing":

The Task Force (Laura Lever, Robin Machol, Duane Corle, and Alan Sizemore, Melinda Morrow, Sherri Noble, Chuck Tucker, & Mary Ann Sizemore) met last Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. The Task Force Meeting #4 minutes are attached at the end of these minutes.

The Task Force decided the One big thing is **Dynamic Relationships:**



There will be:

- Planning and Discussing
- Communications and Response
- Implementation & Assessment

Pastor Duane explained Dynamic Relationships and the points laid out in the last Task Force meeting:

From minutes of Task Force Meeting

Objective:

To finalize what the TF means by DR.

Why does it matter?

How to communicate DR to the congregation?

How to implement both the education and changes?

Definition of DR:

A DR is one in which we grow closer to God and each other through fellowship, prayer and love.

Purpose Statement:

We, the church, are called to sow abundantly God's message of love and grace as we commit to pursue DR with Jesus Christ, with each other and with our community.

How do we do this?

Model what DR look like

Invite others to engage

Connect with others

Educate

- 1) Each person commits (TF member and body) to cultivating DR with God.
- 2) Each person commits to cultivating DR with others.
- 3) Each person in leadership commits to purposefully cultivating DR within our body and the community.

On-going Plan:

How to model:

- Reach out personally to one new relationship.
- Incorporate more testimonies in worship.
- Ask how we can cultivate in our individual ministry.
- Encourage teams and committees to connect with one another so they can brainstorm how to work with each other.
- Do it again!

Individually we are called to strengthen our relationship with God.

Suggestion: Committing to one additional practice: i.e. intentional prayer, reading scripture...

How to educate the body about the spirit led vision the TF has for the forward momentum of DR through:

- Church Council
- Sermon Series
- Interactive bulletin board
- Bulletin
- High light through bulletin inserts
- Testimonies
- Each TF member to engage with suggested assigned ministry or team (see below)

Discussion:

- Kent Smith has offered to come back and see how we are doing on this.
- Cultivate DR within Worship
- Reach out to someone in congregation that we haven't talked to in a while.
- Project List

- Church Council needs to embody this process that we have started and we would like to finish it.
- One thing in worship that has started is not talking about Announcements during Service.

Alan asked a question to think about DR

Why did you come here today?

His answer is probably because you care and because we love God and each other.

Other points:

- We need everyone's help to make this a DR church.
- We don't have all the answers, but let's look for ways to engage people.
- Dynamic = Vitality
- How are we furthering DR in everything we do.
- Keep sowing the seeds-- it does not happen overnight.
- Lots of Love -- very little time
- "What is our ultimate goal?"
- everyone answered Love and DR and fostering it within the community.
- Pray about it.

Review and approval of 09-10-17 minutes:

- Brad asked to add under Membership Care: "Birthday cakes at "Fed on the First" meals are from Membership Care.
- Laura Lever made motion to accept the minutes with the above change.
- Brad seconded the motion
- The minutes were approved with the addition.

Committee Reports:

- Trustees—Rich Downing reporting
 - Scheduled for 18-19 of October to work on the ceiling in the Sanctuary and fix the plaster problems
 - Have been getting estimates for the parking lot, but they are very expensive
 - Another Work Day is scheduled for Oct. 21
 - The lock on the back door was fixed
 - Hose bib to be fixed this coming week
 - Questions were asked about the Van, n
 - Nothing has been decided about the Van and no discussion has been made about it.
 - The Van issue will continue to be discussed, in the meantime we will continue to use the bus as is.

Next Meeting Date: No other Church Council Meeting in 2017, except one short called meeting to finalize Leadership for 2018

Move to Dismiss: Brad Pippinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Rich seconded. Alan closed meeting at 5:34

Closing Prayer: Laura L led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Barnett for Terrie Scarboro