

**Church Council Meeting**  
**Date: February 18, 2018**

*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, Barbara Anderson, Carol Young, Walt Farris, Jim Gordon, Lorraine Asman, LeAnn Martin, Beth Stevenson, Kathy Whorley, Brad Pippinger, Jane Pippinger, Terrie Scarboro

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Alan Sizemore.

**Opening Prayer and Devotion:** Pastor Duane opened with a prayer and presented communion to the attendees.

**Review and approval of the 10-08-17 minutes –**

No changes or additions noted.

Kathy Whorley made motion to accept minutes as read.

Carol Young seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written.

**Committee Reports:**

- Trustees— Alan handed out copy of minutes from Trustees Meeting of February 4, 2018. Trustees meeting had 100% attendance. Alan asked council members to read the meeting minutes on their own and feel free to get with Brad Noble with any questions or comments. Short discussions around 1) need for church member or trustee member to be present when a group outside of the church uses our facilities. Terrie mentioned that there was a policy regarding this topic developed in the past. Pastor will get with Brad on this subject, and 2) Beth shared a discussion she had with Brad regarding a directional sign being erected on the property to aid in directing people to the church entrance and also the Pre-School entrance.
- SPRC— No report from Jake. SPRC's first meeting for 2018 scheduled for February 20, 2018. Pastor mentioned that the Youth Leader position has been advertised, with one (1) applicant so far. Pastor also mentioned that he and Pastor Kent from Salem UMC are doing Youth for Spring at CUMC. Confirmation class has also begun, with a Confirmation Sunday planned sometime in May.
- Finance— Brad is in the process of scheduling Finance Committee meeting dates for 2018. Emails are coming. Carol reported that all January bills were paid, and we were starting the year off in good shape. Kathy asked a question regarding out-of-state insurance for the church van, which is necessary if we take the van out of NC. A short conversation regarding the continued need for the van was discussed.
- Lay Leadership – No report.
- Pre-School – Beth gave a report regarding the Pre-School. Staff of three (3) plus one (1) floater. Currently have three (3) classes (no 18-24 month class at the present). Pre-School meetings are scheduled for February 27, April 24 and September 25 at 6:30 PM. Beth has discussed with Brad N. the physical repairs that are needed. Recent flu and cold breakouts have reduced attendance by 50% at times. Beth is stressing to parents to keep their child at home if

they are sick. Beth mentioned that she may need some help with graduation this year – simple logistic issues and guiding people to the right place. Registration for 2019 begins February 26, 2018. Beth has had many new requests due to several pre-schools closing in the Asheville area. Beth asked for prayer for finding staff members to accommodate new students in 2019.

- Carol reported that choir has been planned through Easter, and invited all to come and sing with the choir.
- Jane reported that not many people want food in emergencies. She asked that people please let her know when there is a need. Phone call and text messages work the best.
- Lorraine reported that we continue with Ladies' Luncheons and asked anyone who is able to attend for a fun time!
- Pastor Duane reported that –
  - Asked church committee leaders to set up meeting times that worked the best
  - Committee leaders will be receiving church attendance reports to assist in following-up when members are absent
  - Pastor will be gone 2-25, 3-11, 3-18, 4-2 through 4-9, 5-20 (Emmaus Men's Walk), 6-17, short time in August, short time in October.
  - We need someone(s) to step up and help with Youth Sunday School after April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Witness Outreach is taking a look at what events are important to continue this year. Not doing Room at the Inn or Operation Christmas Child. Looking at taking a Sabbath from some events to be able to focus on developing dynamic relationships at CUMC.
  - Pastor is stepping back from many tasks he has been doing in order to focus on his main responsibilities. Church leadership must step up and help fill-in-the-gap.
  - Pastor led a discussion regarding our process moving forward for Fed On The First. We need someone or some group to take over the planning and execution of FOTF – whenever we decide to have one. Witness Outreach will be meeting Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM to decide how to make the next FOTF happen. Feel free to attend and participate.
  - The suggestion was made that we focus on these areas for 2018 – 1) Pre-School, 2) Fed On The First, 3) Parent's Night Out, 4) Community Garden, and 5) Trunk or Treat
  - Decision needs to be made soon if we are to do VBS this year.
  - Pastor mentioned need for someone to help with Youth Sunday School on 2-25, 3-11 and 3-18. Barbara volunteered to teach those classes.
- Alan asked the church council members to do what we can to step up and help Pastor Duane by doing the things in the church that we can do to enable Pastor to do the things only he can do. We are the church leadership. Let's allow Pastor to be the Pastor.

**Next Meeting Date:** Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM

**Move to Dismiss:** Carol moved to dismiss the meeting. Jane seconded the motion. Alan closed the meeting at 2:05 PM.

**Closing Prayer:** Barbara Anderson led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Sizemore for Mary Ann Sizemore