

Church Council Meeting

Date: April 8, 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

Walt Farris, Jim Gordon, Jake Morrow, Brad Noble, Sherri Noble, Kathy Whorley, Beth Stevenson, Lorraine Asman, Alan Sizemore, Mary Ann Sizemore, Carol Young, Barb McElroy, Betty Wyrick, Jane Pippinger

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

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Prayer offered by Walt Farris. Devotion presented by Alan Sizemore

Review and approval of 2-18-18 minutes

No changes or additions noted.

Carol Young made motion to accept minutes as read.

Sherri Noble seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved as written.

Committee Reports:

- **Trustees— Brad Noble reported.** Please see attached Trustees Report from February 8, 2017. Progress forward has been made. Lawn mowers are working, Fire alarm batteries have been replaced. The driveway has been sealed, Repairs have been done in preschool, the steeple light has been replaced. Emergency lights up and running. Still being worked on: Preschool signage design, Rock Project still uncompleted (the rock pile has potential for damage to the lawn mowers), mulching where shrubbery now exists is being discussed, Front door yet to be repaired.
- **SPRC— Jake reported:** There is no new information other than the Youth position has been advertised. The SPRC to meet this Tuesday 4/10.
- **Finance—Carol Young reported.** See attached March Financial Report. No changes.
- **Witness and Outreach - Kathy Whorley reported.** (Please see hand out attached) Currently, there is a team of six members who are working on:
Fed on the First as a quarterly event each one sponsored by a different ministry. June 3rd will be hosted by the Praise Team, September 2nd by SPRC, and Dec 2nd by Membership Care Jane Pippinger. Each host will arrange for all the logistics associated with the event.
Connection with the Preschool: (Information also provided by Beth Stevenson in Pre School Report) Child sponsors are appreciated especially for the new school year. There is a \$10 donation from sponsors towards the child receiving a water bottle and t-shirt. Church members are encouraged to volunteer to help (meet and greet and serve

refreshments) with the upcoming May events to be able to free up staff and parents to be present with the children. The events include Muffins with Moms on 5/14 and 5/15, graduation ceremonies on 5/23 & 5/24, Parents night out June 2nd, August 4th, and December 1st. In the Kids Weekly folders will be a list of CUMC activities in an invitation to participate which enhance “Dynamic Relationships”.

Community Garden: will involve the preschool children. 16 bags of garden soil are needed, volunteers are needed to pull weeds. The yield will be largely be offered to 3 churches in the community including a food pantry. Church members are also invited to take what they need.

- **Preschool report—Beth Stevenson reported:** In addition to report by Kathy Whorley the following information was offered. Thanks to Brad Noble and trustees repairs have been made for the Preschool. As previously discussed in Church Council Meeting a plan has been made about access of workers at the church to during preschool hours. Beth asks for communication from those who have scheduled the workers to herself so she can prepare the students and staff for safety purposes. The February Preschool Board meeting went well. Beth wants to add 2 new classes next year because it is highly needed in the community. Discussion about the logistics, plans and hiring ensued. Beth asked for prayers for the new direction, that it be of God and for the new teachers.
- **Pastors Report:** See attached Pastors Report as he was not available to join this meeting. The Youth Sunday school was discussed. A decision regarding if it will be provided through the summer will be provided has yet to be decided.
- **Safe Sanctuaries: Barb McIlroy reported.** She recommends yearly renewal or education and a reminder that youth volunteers need the same training. Connie Barnett has the list of members who have had background checks and Safe Sanctuaries training.
- **Lay Leadership—Sherri Noble reported.** She reminded the council to look through a lens of “the past is not the present” as the church moves forward. She used an example of change used by the Emmaus community that has been successful! She also used lyrics from the song “Breath—You have to give up what is good to get what is best”. She spoke to honoring, respecting, encouraging and knowing your committee members. Honor their suggestions with action thus developing dynamic relationship. Sherri presented the idea of a prayer walk on CUMC property. A pastor from another UMC church has indicated that she could be available to develop it with interested members. Church communication was discussed. It needs to be functional, exciting and directional.
- **Council Chair Alan Sizemore** closed the reporting by reminding each Chairperson to communicate with their members, to revisit the guidelines for their role, and to communicate the committees actions with the church council and the congregation.

Next Meeting Date: July 8, 2018

Move to Dismiss: Carol moved to dismiss the meeting. Jane seconded the motion.

Closing Prayer: Brad Noble closed us out in prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Sizemore