

Church Council Meeting

Date: October 25, 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

Jim Gordon, Lorraine Asman, Kathy Whorley, Beth Stevenson, Sherri Noble, Terrie Scarboro, Caitlyn Corle, Peggy Rice, Walt Farris, Carol Young, Jake Morrow, Mary Ann Sizemore, Alan Sizemore, Pastor Duane

Meeting was called to order at 3:31pm by Alan Sizemore.

Opening Prayer and Devotion:

Pastor Duane opened the meeting with prayer. Alan read a devotion focusing on the fact that God's peace is always there, especially above circumstances and problems.

Review and approval of June 19, 2018 Minutes:

Jake made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19 meeting. Sherri seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

- Safe Sanctuaries – (see attached report from Barb) Barb asked for input about any interest in types of CPR training. Decided to continue this discussion at a later time. A question was asked if an individual needs to repeat their Safe Sanctuaries training every year. Answer given was “No.” Possibly every five (5) years with background check repeated.
- Pre-School – Beth reported. Has expanded from 3.5 positions to 7 positions for this year. Hired a new 4 year-old teacher. Susie Banks assist 4 year-old. Christie does 3 year-old. Megan Scott 2 year-old. Rachael Ramsey assist. 35 kids enrolled. Hoping for 5 more. Beth asked for prayer for establishing a younger group – 18 to 24 months. Have had 6 enquires already for that age group.
- Children/Youth groups – Caitlyn reported on a proposed program that would held on Sunday late afternoon and may be combined with Salem church. The proposed program would start at 4-4:30 pm for the Youth who would be involved in some type of exercise (team or individual) followed by a devotion or bible study from 4:30-5 pm. The children arrive at 5:00 pm. From 5-5:30 pm a combined snack or meal would be offered. The Youth would then return home while the children remained for their program to include practice for upcoming holiday program and or bible study teaching. Beth offered that Caitlyn might be able to follow the preschools themes and schedule to save her some time and planning. It would potentially begin September 9th. Caitlyn requested volunteers and meal sign ups.
- Worship – Terrie reported. Working through current sermon series. Then begin planning for Advent.
- Witness & Outreach – Kathy reported. Led discussion regarding Fed-On-the-First scheduled for September 9th. SPRC scheduled to host. This F-O-F supposed to have a tie-in with pre-school. After discussion decided to reschedule this F-O-F to October 7th with Back to School theme, without the pre-school tie-in which can happen after

the first of the year. Beth to get with Kathy to pick exact date. Pre-school sponsorship for this year is still \$10.00 per child. Kathy will make sure material/information/forms available at upcoming church service. Parent's Night Out scheduled for December 1st – 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Kathy reported not much help with community garden this year, other than her family and pre-school. Maybe re-think for next year? Beth said pre-school LOVED helping. Discussion about how to expand our Facebook presence to reach more people. CUMC received a letter of appreciation for helping with the Firecracker 4K.

- Prayer Ministry – (see attached letter to church family) Peggy reported on the letter. September 11th begins “Six Weeks of Prayer” with suggested prayer times of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm. Peggy will call each team leader to see if they have any prayer concerns for the Prayer Team on Thursdays.
- Lay Leader – Sherri reported. Sherri attended Annual Conference, but felt ill-equipped to vote CUMC's wishes on critical issues. For next year she would like to present a questionnaire to the church ahead of time to gather specific information in order to vote as the church wishes. Sherri reported that there are several important issues coming up for United Methodists including sensitive social issues (which include homosexuality issues).
- Nominations & Leadership – (see attached report) Pastor Duane reported.
- Pastor's Report-(see attached report) Pastor Duane also reported. He spoke to the three options of direction that the UMC looking at to go. They include 1) To take out sexuality language altogether 2) A connectional conference...sho is more in between or 3) A stringent traditional narrative. He encouraged us to educate ourselves by going on the website UMC.org to read for ourselves.
- Trustees – Sherri reported for Brad. Minimal to report. A focus has been to attend to those items that the preschool need. Effective work has been done in clearing the area of shrubs that allows the front door to be seen by the driveway.
- Finance- Carol reported. (See the attached July report) Stewardship cards to go out next week with return by September 30th. A reception will follow.
- SPRC- Jake reported. The Worship Director's position has been posted on Indeed and also within the district and conference levels. The Youth Leader position remains posted

Next Meeting Date: September 30, 2018 – 3:30 PM

Move to Dismiss: Kathy made a motion to dismiss. Carol seconded the motion.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Duane offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Sizemore