

SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

- I. Opening Devotional and Prayer-Rev Totten
- II. Vote for Church Council Chair
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Committee Reports
- VI. Old Business
 - B. ADA grant details
 - C. Purchasing Refrigerators with Catherine Ward gift
 - D. Parsonage cleanup day-April 29
- VII. New Business
 - A. SPRC assignment to perform needs and economic assessment for addition of music/youth/associate pastor position.
 - B. Investigate enrolling in IGRC intern program for summer 2018.
 - C. Covenant Groups
 - D. Posting committee reports on webpage
- VIII. Adjourn
- IX. Closing Prayer

Minutes for Church Council 3/29/17

Attendance: Rev. Erin, Linda Denton, Ruby Bronke, Beth Lazenby, Heather Genesisio, Denise Smith, Julie, Marsha Brock, Martha Morgenstern, Shawn Kellerman, Lee Wilson, Charles, Judy, John Rainwater, Andrew Rainwater, David Vancil, Charlie Rainwater

Correspondents:

1st Andy, 2nd.Charlie, approval of agenda

Andy approved minutes: David 2nd-

Ruby amended the former minutes from the SPRC to add the vision

Add Vision statement: Connecting people to Jesus and connecting to one another.

Andy 1st, John R 2nd The meeting

Don Schutt: Thank you for correcting the problem of heating.

Where about the ADA Grant for ramp, and door handles for the parsonage.

Work day May 6 for combined church, parsonage work day.

Make a list by the trustees.

Tree by the office:

Refrigerators: John talked with Judy to pick two out.

Discussion about commercial refrigerator, or two large refrigerators and a deep freeze.

UMW will make a committee to help pick it out.

Education Sunday School: Hands on Bible- try for one quarter during the summer. Leave older kids on this for teacher book and student books.

We are need a high school teacher, and a 3 & 4th Grade teacher

Outreach: February 23rd- Spaghetti Dinner at 11:30am. Weekend Warriors, Food Pantry, and Clothing Closet to support the local missions. Possible fundraisers: Ice Cream Social, BBQ Dinner,

Bereavement: Sandy Deigler- 1st part of December. Harriet Smith

Charlie: Quarterly statements. These are made available.

Youth: Thank you Julie.

Men: Another pancake breakfast is scheduled. No fish fry this year. Maybe a church wide Chicken and Dumpling meeting. Scott is going to talk to the UMW in partnership.

Women: Melissa Jackson will come to the meeting in June to speak on human trafficking.

Andy 1st, Charlie 2nd to approval of the committee report

New Business:

Post Committee Reports on the Website

Accountable Covenant Groups:

Intern:

Needs in the church: Sprc to investigate needs and economic assessment- A music/ youth.

Job description, hour and money. Andy will report about May

Old Business: Trustees handles the job description of the janitors.

Adjournment: Andy, 2nd Charlie.

Pastor Erin Closed in Prayer.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24 6:30pm

MARCH 29 COMMITTEE REPORTS

PASTOR'S REPORT

Our district superintendent Roger Russell send us a letter thanking us for paying our apportionments in full. Pastor Erin will read aloud the letter, and it will be posted on the bulletin board.

Pastor Erin is planning to attend the Large Church Initiative Conference at Christ Church in Fairview Heights in May for continuing education. I hope to bring back different ideas for our ministry. This is paid for out of her account reimbursable for continuing education.

Pastor Erin is in process of working on her requirements for ordination. This includes a bible study, a fruitfulness project, discipline questions, and a video taped sermon among other things. Please have patience with pastor Erin as she finishes this big milestone in her call to be a Elder in full connection as an ordained United Methodist Pastor. All of this work is time consuming but benefits the local church.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 15, 2017

TRUSTEES

John Rainwater - Chairman Member until 2018 Martha Morgenstern Member until 2017

Nancy Lay Member until 2018 Allen Rogers Member until 2018

John Connor Member until 2017 Charlie Rainwater Member until 2019

Ruby Bronke Member until 2019 Tim Smith Member until 2019

Rick Akins Member until 2017

Meeting called to order 6:30, prayer given by Pastor Erin. Present at meeting were: Chairman John Rainwater, Tim Smith, Charlie Rainwater, Allen Rogers, Martha Morgenstern, Nancy Lay, Ruby Bronke, John Connor.

Chairman read minutes of prior meeting(s).

Chairman asked for volunteer for Secretary for Trustees, as position has not been filled since Sarah Smith went off committee last year. No volunteers came forward to fill position.

Chairman will take minutes.

Discussed installation of two radiant cove heaters installed in classrooms adjacent to sanctuary. Feedback so far has been good. Heaters seem to keep rooms heated, although there has not been any extreme cold temps yet.

Ruby asked about custodial salaries/raises and when the last time there had been any raises. John Rainwater asked whether this was a Trustees item. Committee as a whole believes this is item for Trustees. Chairman questions this item for trustees, and conflicts due to John Connor being a Trustee. Tabled this until next meeting.

Pastor Erin suggested a cleanup day for Parsonage and church. General cleaning items at church such as cleaning windows. Pastor Erin would like gardening/yard work items at parsonage. Unattached garage needs mold cleaned from siding. Committee set April 29 as cleanup day and Erin will announce in church at a closer date.

The ADA grant door knobs for the parsonage have yet to be ordered. Questions as to whether every door in parsonage needs new knobs or not. (closet doors). Ruby thought all doors applied to grant. Chairman asked if a copy of grant was available to review. Some believed a copy might be somewhere in files or papers that Pastor Donna had left as she submitted grant application. Grant paperwork will be searched for.

New refrigerators for the church funded by a gifted money from Catherine Ward, will be picked out by United Methodist women. Trustee Chairman approved UMW to pick out appliances for approval.

Motion to adjourn by Tim Smith, second by Allen Rogers. Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

SUMC nurture committee met on February 7th with 6 members present. Beth opened with prayer and the following dates were put on the church calendar: graduation banquet May 7 at 5 pm..Homecoming Sunday October 15 with noon meal..Thanksgiving church wide meal November 12 at 5 pm

As lenten season is approaching the committee decided that we will offer 'Lenten Mission' envelopes to congregation for donation. Matthew 25: 35-36 was the inspiration ! Proceeds will go to Weekend Warrior Program and Du Quoin Clothes Closet. Nancy and Jill will purchase and print envelopes.

Pastor Erin will try to find musical group for homecoming.

A decision was made to try to be more intentional about ministering to our shut-ins. We will set a date to do yard work for older members this spring.

We currently know of 5 graduates this spring:

Hadley Marek
Grace Collins
Elizabeth Lloyd

McKenzie Vancil
Kirsten Tilley

Meeting was adjourned!

EDUCATION-Shawn Kellerman, Chair

Sunday School report: Going well at this time. Adult classes are Don's studying Cokesbury series. Linda's class is using a James study. Julie teaches college/young adults including Summer Tucker. Children's classes right now are Prek -K 1st/2nd. 5th/6th. 7th/8th. No High School presently. Teachers are Denise and Debra, Cathy, Elisabeth and Scott. In September we will need a teacher for 3rd/4th and High School. Will be working on this. I'm hoping to do a change in curriculum for the children. I've decided on the Group company Hands on Bible for age 2-6th grade. I want to use from the same company material called Faithweaver for 7/8th and High School. This curriculum comes in kits quarterly and provides fun hands on material! Good activities for all ages. It's very hard to change but these kits can be used for one year and then just recycle them and start over! No more cost for the church for as long as we want. Elisabeth has used this curriculum for 5 years. I propose to order these kits for a quarter starting this Summer. We can see how it goes. Staying with Hands on Bible we can just roll over material and save a lot of money. They only have teacher and student books. This proposal would also eliminate a ton of paper waste. !! On another note VBS material is ordered and will tentatively be on middle to later July. Thanks!!

WITNESS -Jan Weinberg, Chair

The witness committee sponsored the spring revival held this year on February 26 and 27. The committee met on January 23 to decide final details. Pastor Erin had already lined up the evangelist and worship leader. The committee decided to serve soup and sandwiches before the service on Sunday and cookies and coffee after the Monday service. We collected approximately \$140 for the food pantry from donations for the meal on Sunday. A love offering was collected during the services to divide between the evangelist and worship leader and they were also paid mileage from the witness budget for their travel expenses.

NOMINATIONS-Rev Erin Totten, Chair

The nominations committee sought out, and discerned and prayed for a new church council chair in January. Linda has agreed. Since we did not have a chair at the time at charge conference, when we vote on the leadership of the church, the District Superintendant gave Pastor Erin permission for the nominations committee to seek out a new chair. In this, a vote has to be taken by the church council for Linda Denton to be the committee chair.

WORSHIP-Rev. Erin Totten, Chair

We are finalizing our plans for Holy Week. We will be worshipping on Maundy Thursday in praetorship with the Du Quoin First United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. We will join the ministerial Alliance for the Good Friday service held at the Sunfield Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday, Sunrise will be at 6 am. The men have agreed to make breakfast after worship. Easter morning service will be at 9:15 am

Confirmation Sunday is June 18th. In this service, our confirmands will be actively engaged in the worship service. Summer Tucker, Mackenzie Vancil, Sallee Collins & Ashanti Johnston will be confirmed to membership at Sunfield United Methodist Church. The sacrament of Holy Baptism will also take place. The worship committee is going to hold a reception for them during the fellowship time.

Collin & Renee Dorsey will be baptized and joining the church on Sunday after Easter. We are excited about them and their faith journey.

We also voted to allow Mark 209 to come Sunday, March 12th for worship.

YOUTH-Julia Rogers

Sunfield United Methodist Youth

Youth meet every other Sunday 5:30-6:30 except for November, December and March they meet every Sunday. During the summer months do not meet they go to camp at Beulah which they dearly love and look forward to the next year for a year. During camp they have prayer partners from our church. So much Spiritual growth happens at camp.

At Youth we have prayer binders they write down prayer requests and concerns to pray about. They pick out 5 scriptures a week they like we read then at youth and discuss what it means to us. They made spiritual resolutions and shared them with us. We also ask for prayer requests they have and pray for them they was also asked to do two acts of kindness and share what they had done. Summer Tucker has been assisting In some lessons which the girls have really enjoyed. In the future they are wanting to read the chronological bible when we meet. During Lent I am sending each of them and parents a scripture a day to read.

October they all enjoyed going to Ignition at Troy for a weekend with Harvest and their team.

November the youth put together Samaritan Purse boxes we sent 14 this year. They sold Kettle Korn and did the Christmas Card sorting and delivering asking for donations of money for cards. Money made was spent on gift for four kids that wasn't going to get much for Christmas. They really enjoyed going and picking these out and wrapping them. For our Christmas Party we went to Kiersten's for a pizza party and movie Miracles In Heaven. The Youth have been working on the Easter Celebration at church April 1. They have filled eggs, picked out prizes for each child to get

A bag they stuffed bags and will decorate for celebration and hide eggs.

They are all going to participate in the MS Walk at SIU in April. We are so thankful to have a great group of Youth it is a pleasure to work with them. Thanks for all your support Allen, Julia and Melissa

CAMP and CONFERENCE-Ruby Brooke

It appears the numbers of campers will be smaller than usual this year. Deadline to have registrations and payments into the Camping Office is April 15 in order to receive a \$25.00 fee reduction per camper registration. Hopefully decisions will be made this week in order to save some money.

The BYU (Beulah Youth Institute (grades 8-13) begins June 18-24; Beulah the Beginning (grades 2-4) begins June 30-July 1; Beulah Bible (grades 5-7) begins June 26-29, Junior High Alive (grades 6-8) begins July 11-15; and Beulah Holiness Camp begins July 28 (7:30 p.m.-August 4, night service. Programs for youth, children, and adults plus daily Bible Study this year taught by Rev. Jim Sloan, and worship services nightly. Children and youth should contact either Julie R., Ruby Joy, or Pastor Erin.

A Sunfield Cabin cleaning date will be set soon and help will be needed--youth and adults.

IGRC Annual Conference is scheduled to begin mid-morning June 8 and end around noon July 10 in Peoria IL at the Convention Center. I have already started planning and making reservations.

WOMEN-Lee Wilson & Jan Weinberg, President

2017.. .here we go!

UMW meet every 2nd Wed of the month with an average of 12 - 14 in attendance.

Already this year we have donated Walmart gift cards to help a Trico family with tornado damage. Sunshine bags help to brighten our church families lives.

Supporting M.S. walk in Molly's honor.

Will soon be making a decision regarding Father's Day gifts.

A special program planned for June mtg. with Melissa Jackson coming to speak about human trafficking which happens to be a focus for National UMW this year.

Prayer for our Members is much appreciated. May God continue to bless United Methodist Women.