

## **SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, November 5, 2018**

### **Church Council Minutes**

**Corrections to Minutes Will Appear In Red.**

**Members Present:** Linda Denton, Rev. Wiggs, Marsha Brock, Charlie Rainwater, David Vancil, Ruby Bronke, Carl David Bailey, Judy Helsley, Julia Rogers, John Rainwater, Doug Bishop, Beth Lazenby, Cindy Rainwater.

**Opening Devotional and Prayer – Rev. Wiggs.** Colossians 1:15-23. Head of the Church. Look to the one who gave new life and bear witness to him. We are his brothers and sisters – his servants to the World.

**Approval of Agenda:** David Vancil made a motion to approve the agenda and Andy Rainwater second that motion and the motion carried.

**Approval of the minutes:** Charlie Rainwater made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2018 meeting. Andy Rainwater second that motion, the motion carried.

**Correspondence – None.**

**Old Business –** Checking into an intern for the church starting in January 2019, however the information wasn't sent to the pastor. The grant for the door knobs for the parsonage can't be found so we will bury that purchase. Discussed Beluah Camp Repairs. It was suggested to start a special fund and have fund raisers to cover repairs needed at parsonage and camp. No decision was made on what to do with the old church fridges. Andy Rainwater did research on Security cameras for the church. We will need 4 cameras, one on the west side, the main doors, and the west and north doors. It will be a wired system that could be viewed during the service. Cost is        for the cable system, a monitor and wiring, we could use wi-fi to connect. There will be record time, a DVR, usually keep the feed a week. Would like a motion to approve these purchases. Cameras are rated for outdoor use and would be on constantly. John Rainwater made a motion to purchase these cameras, Heather Genesio second that motion. It was approved and carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Trustees:** John Rainwater, stated that 2 refrigerators for the kitchen have been purchased. The parsonage repairs can be put off for another year. Jan Weinberg brought up the fact that the floor is spongy in the living room, from the hall to the bedroom in the back tilts downward, also the wall needs to be caulked around the door. The parsonage has floating floors so they will all have to be torn out to see what issues are there. Todd Heape was under the house 3 years ago and saw no problems. The floors need to be replaced in several rooms. Repairs need to be done in a year or 18 months. We also need to list these repairs in the budget for the parsonage and the cabin. Ruby has indicated items for the Beulah Cabin such as cabin windows need to be replaced, screen door to boy's side needs rehung. Inspection report from Illinois Department of Public Health has the cabin needing GFI receptacles and grounding. Maybe cost \$1,000 to replace 8 windows which would not include installation and the GFI receptacles need grounding because of the concrete floor. The cabin needs updating. Perhaps a fundraiser or dinner could be planned with the proceeds to go to the cabin rehabilitation before camp season next year. Julia said she will talk to the youth about helping with dinners after church to help with these expenses. There was really no report but a discussion was held.

**Finance** – Doug Bishop reported the pastors' salary was increased the last 3 years. Since our church is on a charge the Sunfield Church will pay 75% with Greenwood paying the rest. Doug has provided a copy of the finance report.

**Treasurer-** David Vancil suggested the church purchase a MasterCard for Weekend Warriors for Wal-Mart. Jan Weinberg made the motion, Ruby Bronke second that motion, it carried. Year to date the inflows are , the outflows are We owe to the Building Fund. The General account has as of now. David provided a copy of the treasurers' report. The Weekend Warrior Account has a balance of as of today. Andy Rainwater made a motion to accept the report, John Rainwater second that motion and it carried.

**Finance Secretary-**Charlie Rainwater has provided spread sheets and a chart of our weekly offerings. He reported we are a little above average on our giving this year.

**Pastor-Parrish Relations**-Andy Rainwater – The finances are tight right now but getting better. If we keep the current pastors' salary- pay a stipend for his cell phone, Greenwood Church would give a stipend and we would pay the remainder.

1. The last 3 pastors did not use the parsonage phone.
2. Internet at the church is \$52 a month for phone (with Frontier). We could bundle with internet through NewWave, cost would be \$37 a month and \$47 stipend for the phone. This means we would spend \$31 extra a month. We could get rid of the phone at the church since most people have cell phones and don't use the church phone but basically it would be no extra then we pay now.
3. Recommend internet at the church. Linda Denton was concerned how would the community could get a hold of the pastor or church. Charlie Rainwater stated no one is using it now. We could post the number in normal places, our website, facebook, etc. Don't use parsonage phone at all.
4. Motion to keep church landline or give it up. John Rainwater made a motion to get rid of parsonage phone and connect church landline. Jan Weinberg second that motion.

**Correction to that motion – John Rainwater made a motion to get rid of parsonage phone and church landline. Jan Weinberg second that motion.**

5. The Pastor salary is \_\_\_\_\_ – Sunfield pays \_\_\_\_\_ and pays a stipend of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cell phone. Health insurance went up to \_\_\_\_\_. We pay 75% which is \_\_\_\_\_ Greenwood Methodist pays the rest. Travel and mileage had \_\_\_\_\_ budgeted however if the service is directly with Sunfield Church they pay the full amount. There is a pay raise on Health Insurance and stipend. Jan Weinberg made a motion to accept the PPRC report, Doug Bishop second that and it carried.

**Security Committee** – Carl David Bailey's report is as explained. Les Vancil provided Trauma kits for the church. One will be placed in the kitchen and one in the cry room in a cabinet on the wall. Will look into a litter kit but unsure of the expense. The committee approves the security cameras. Will need to budget extra money for an AED which is \$1,100, extra gauze which would cost \$100, and \$800 for cameras. Heather Genesio made a motion to budget money for this committee and David Vancil second that. It carried.

**Nominations & Leadership-** First part is fulfilling our Mission-Ministry. Some of those committees never did anything but we need to grow. We need to make sure all ministries are functioning properly. We need team leaders or chairs of committees, we need prayer, we need study groups and have discussions and go out to witness. We need to have a current report of where we are at for Charge Conference. Nominations worksheets have been passed out.

**The Committee agreed to a proposal to reorganize the leadership in several areas as presented by Rev Wiggs.**

Jan Weinberg made a motion to accept this report and Charlie Rainwater second this report and it passed.

**Bereavement** -Cindy Rainwater and Judy Helsley – We have had 3 funeral dinners this year, one for Betty Bishop, Nellie Vancil, and Bob Heape. Doug Bishop made a motion to approve this report, David Vancil second that motion. It carried.

**Education** – Shawn Kellerman – Curriculum is coming in under budget. Julia got a dry erase board and will be moving a cabinet into the youth classroom. There will be a Christmas Program for the children with Heather Genesio and Shawn Kellerman in charge of that. Doug Bishop made a motion to approve this report, Shawn Kellerman second it and the motion carried.

**Worship and Witness-** A second mic will be purchased to help speed up announcements. Pastor is asking everyone to speak into this mic so that the shut-ins can hear also. John Rainwater made a motion to accept this report, Charlie Rainwater second that motion and it carried.

**Technology-** Andy Rainwater stated there is a new website online – [www.sunfieldumc.com](http://www.sunfieldumc.com). Doug Bishop made a motion to accept this report, David Vancil second that and it carried.

**Methodist Women-** Lee Wilson and Jan Weinberg- United Methodist Women are happy the refrigerators have been purchased. Our attendance has gone up. We will be hosting the United Methodist Women’s Spring Fling at our church soon. Doug Bishop made a motion to accept this report, Andy Rainwater second it, the motion carried.

**Methodist Men-** Scott Loyd, in his absence Doug Bishop gave a report. The men are planning a dinner in January to kick off fundraising for the new year. Cathy Chaney will cater, the money will go toward the Building Fund. Then there will be a green pancake breakfast for St. Patrick's Day, March 9, 2019 from 8-11am. The men will do treats for Christmas for the church the last Sunday before Christmas. Still have a few jars of apple butter. Andy made a motion to approve this report, Lee Wilson second the motion and it carried.

**Annual Conference & Camp-** Ruby Bronke had nothing to report about Annual Conference or camp. She would like to encourage more youth to go to camp. She thanks Julia for her work taking youth to camp. She will be taking a Lay training class in Mt. Vernon. Rev. Quick will teach this class "Everyone is a Minister". Motion made by Cindy Rainwater to accept this report, Julia Rogers second this and it carried.

**Youth-** The youth is asking for donations to pay shipping for Good Samaritans Boxes. They will be selling Kettle Korn, there will be Christmas Card Mailings, which will be used to buy gifts for 3 children. She is asking for youth to have a budget to help pay for Easter Celebrations to make sure there is enough money to cover this. Jan Weinberg made a motion to accept this report, Andy Rainwater second this and it carried.

Discussion: We need to focus our money for ourselves so we can perform outreach ministries. John Rainwater said we need to be selfish – do fundraisers for camp and church and point toward items we need this following year. Linda Denton doesn't want to be so involved in ourselves but we are here to bring people to Christ. If a need is here we need to do that and we need to do God's will to keep us going. Andy Rainwater made a motion to accept this report and David Vancil second this and it carried.

**Pastor-Rev. Wiggs-**I am enjoying my ministry here. I would like to have more listening sessions. There will be an Open House in December at the parsonage on December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Wesley Covenant meeting in Georgia- 7 Bishops from all over the world and the Judicial Council working on the Traditional Plan. What does the church want and can we go forward to the General Council. The Conference says yes to being more progressive. It is most

encouraging that people can come to find their faith through VBS. An African Bishop said that the infant Jesus went to Egypt so the Africans will protect our faith as United Methodist. Our Mission field is big and we need to push on. Doug made a motion to accept this report, John Rainwater second this and the motion carried.

**New Business-** Next Council meeting will be January 23, 2019.

**Motion to Adjourn-** Made by Andy Rainwater – 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Vancil. Approved.

**Closing Prayer** – Ruby Bronke.

**Submitted by Marsha Brock.**