

## SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

### CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Members present:** Linda Denton, Doug Bishop, Charlie Rainwater, Judy Helsley, Martha Morgenstern, Marsha Brock, David Vancil, Beth Lazenby Heather Genesio, and Ruby Bronke and Pastor Wiggs.

**Opening Devotional-** Rev. Wiggs said our Great Commission is to go out and preach the gospel. He also prayed with us.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Heather made a motion to approve the agenda and Charlie Rainwater second that motion, the motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Doug Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2019 Church Council Meeting, David Vancil 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion and it carried.

**Correspondence:** None

#### Old Business:

- a. David Vancil said he needs to rewire the camp before sessions start. There is one window that needs to be fastened in also. Others need to be replaced in the future. The Youth will be having a potato bar Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. That money will be going to camp repairs.
- b. The Security Cameras have been installed and are going. The Wi-Fi and phone is working and has been hard wired to the parsonage and church.
- c. Parsonage repairs – David Vancil reported the grease trap needs to be cleaned out, and the floor is bouncing more and David will look into that.
- d. MasterCard for Weekend Warriors- no card yet. David Vancil is having difficulty obtaining one but will continue to get one.
- e. David Vancil made a motion to purchase the microphone Doug Bishop second that motion and it carried

#### New Business:

##### Quarterly Reports:

##### Treasurer-David Vancil

Doug Bishop made a motion to accept this report, Charlie Rainwater second the motion, motion carried.

##### Finance Secretary- Charlie Rainwater reported

. Doug Bishop made a motion to approve this report, David Vancil second the motion, motion carried.

Finance Committee- Doug Bishop reported on the church building loan and is hoping that we can get this paid off before the end of the year. It would be great to start off the new year debt free. Church finances are right in line with the budgeted amounts in spite of missing two Sundays of attendance this year due to weather.

**Trustees – David Vancil** reported the church water heater had to be replaced. Chuck Genesio donated his time and needed material to this project. Scott Loyd will be cutting the grass and a new vacuum hose had to be ordered for the church. Judy Helsley also reported the island in the kitchen is coming apart and needs to be worked on. Marsha Brock brought to the council that the carpet in the Educational Building and the office

needs to have the carpets cleaned especially since the hot water heater left stains on the hall carpet. Marsha will report to David the 2 bids. Not sure the auditorium will need cleaning.

**Security Committee – DAVID BAILEY. No Report.**

**PPR- ANDY RAINWATER** -Pastor Bill will be on vacation from Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reverend Dave Trover will be preaching Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Nominations & Leadership- REV WIGGS. No Report.**

**Nurturing- BETH LAZENBY.** Nurture committee has met twice and is searching for different and intentional ways to nurture and show concern for our members and expand our church family. We have created “Pew Partners” for just a simple way to tell people they are missed.

We are planning a “birthday trivia night” on September 8<sup>th</sup>. More info to come later.

Homecoming Sunday will be October 20<sup>th</sup> so our musical group, Dennis Price and his granddaughters can make that date. Dennis Price will also Preach that Sunday.

Thanksgiving church wide meal is set for November 17 at 5pm.

Next meeting is set for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

**Outreach Ministries – MARTHA MORGENSTERN** No meeting but we need to schedule one.

**Worship & Witness Ministries – Rev. Wiggs. NO REPORT.**

**Prayer Coordinator – Betty O’Keefe. NO REPORT.**

**Coordinator of Camping – Denise Smith. NO REPORT.**

**Lay Leader -Allen Roger. NO REPORT.**

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE- RUBY BRONKE.** Ruby reported she does have her motel room.

**Bereavement – Cindy Rainwater & Judy Helsley.** Dodie Holmes was the last funeral dinner served. Linda Denton stated our Educational Building will seat 150 people comfortably. We feel the church shows care in the midst of a long day for the family of the deceased and plan on continuing with this mission.

**Education-Heather Genesio.** We are making changes to our Sunday School classes. Elisabeth Collins will no longer teach the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. We are splitting up the class and putting the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in with Ann Conner’s class which will become grades 3-4-5, and putting the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in with Scott Loyd’s class, which will become grades 6-7-8.

Beginning the first Sunday in May, Andy Rainwater will begin a new Sunday School class for adults. We are still determining where the class will meet. Andy will provide the curriculum; there will be no additional costs to the church. Since one class was disbanded the new class could be held in that room.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 5-9. We are looking for a volunteer director.

Education meeting will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

Those graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, High School, or College need to have their names turned into Heather. Those we know of right now is Chance Genesio, Kelly Genesio, Madison Dorsey, Cameron Lemons, and Sallee Collins.

**Technology- Andy Rainwater** updated Website to include a place to listen to just the sermons from each week. You can also download the sermon to listen to later.

**Parish Nurse -Lee Wilson No Report This Quarter.**

**Methodist Women-Marsha Brock** is the current President. We are averaging 19 ladies who are attending our meetings each month. Each month Beth Lazenby is in charge of bringing cards to the meeting to be signed by the ladies in attendance for those who are sick, those brought to us as prayer concerns, and those just needing to know that we care about them. We also provide Sunshine Baskets around holidays for the shut-ins. The men gave the women \$300 from the apple butter fundraiser which was placed in our Misc. fund. The Women donated \$100 to the MS Walk for Molly and we donated \$100 to the Youth to help with the Easter Celebration.

We also send our a4 college students from our congregation Gift cards around Christmas and Easter.

The Cache River District had a Spring Meeting and we donated various items to Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Neighborhood House.

Once again we provided a funeral dinner for a member of our church and the count was way off, possibly due to the weather. The Women are happy to provide food for this ministry but when the count is off by over 100 people it depletes our fund quickly.

**Methodist Men-Scott Loyd.** In his absence Doug Bishop reported the men sponsored a pancake breakfast and a Luncheon at church. The men also provided Sunrise Breakfast on Easter Morning. We hope to do apple butter this fall which the money will go into the Building Fund. They also will be buying 25-30 good heavy padded chairs for the adult classes.

**Youth- Julia Rogers.** February 22-24 our High School Youth went to Fire Up at Trop United Methodist Church it was a very blessed weekend filled with great group times and music by Harvest and seminars and several worship services. During Lent all the Youth read a scripture a day that was sent to them by text on their phone. On April 6 several of our Youth participated in the MS walk for Molly Kern. Youth have been meeting every Sunday for the past couple months preparing for Easter Celebration which was April 13. There was a lot of people who helped and donated time and candy to help make this event a huge success. All who was able to come enjoyed themselves. Youth have set May 5 for a potato bar after Sunday School. The money raised will be used to help with repairs to Beulah. Also Youth are selling Larry House of Cake Cards for \$11 each as a fund raiser for cabin repairs also. The Youth are going to paint small rocks to be given to fathers on Father's Day. We had 14 youth sign up for camps this summer Early Bird. It is a pleasure to work with our Youth. Thank you all for all your Support. Allen, Julia and Melissa.

## **PASTOR REPORT – REV BILL WIGGS**

As we come to this meeting of the church council we have just come through the Holy Season of Lent and the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Lenten season was a joyful time of experiencing the presence of God in our lives. Special services were well attended and the atmosphere was that of gratefulness. Our Easter celebration was marked by great attendance and overwhelmingly positive response from those who were in attendance. I especially enjoyed the time I got to spend at the end of the service speaking with some of our

guests, many of whom shared a desire to be in worship more often. Our prayer meetings continue to grow in number and dimension.

Over the next few months I am hoping to further capitalize on our online presence. Andy has it set up now that my sermons appear in both audio and text format. I am also hoping in the near future to start a weekly YouTube devotional as a way of reaching younger people for the Kingdom.

### **The Ministry Cabinet**

The Ministry Cabinet has met twice since our last meeting of the Church Council. During those meetings we have been discussing ways to reach more people for Christ. Our conversation has been along the lines of finding ways to reach new people, who do not currently attend church anywhere. I have begun a study of our mission field by looking at those who live within a mile of the church, marking those who already attend our church, and enlisted the ministerial alliance to identify those who attend other churches in our community. In looking at methods for reaching new people we have come to the conclusion that friendship evangelism (Individuals developing relationships with their unbelieving neighborhoods and community and inviting them to a relationship with Christ). We have also been talking a lot about visitor follow-up and event attendance follow-up. We are hoping to develop a methodology to enable greater follow-up. One of the events we are planning on focusing on is VBS (Note: The Christian Education / Formation Ministry Team will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss VBS as an opportunity for greater follow-up, throughout the fall.

Another thing we are looking at is making a push to get people involved in the Advent season and a new service/holistic outreach beginning in January of 2020. All of this will be discussed in related ministry teams.

### **Du Quoin Ministerial Alliance**

I am involved with the Du Quoin Ministerial Alliance and have been elected vice moderator.

### **United Methodist Connectional Ministries**

I continue to be a member of the **Conference Committee on Nominations**. We have had our last meeting until fall and have worked to place the right people on conference committees for ministry.

I will be attending **Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference 2019** at the Civic Center in Peoria, June 6 – 8, 2019. During this meeting we will be electing 5 Clergy and 5 Lay delegates to the 2020 General and jurisdictional conferences. I have placed my name in nomination for election as a delegate to attend these conferences.

### **Personal Opportunities for ministry**

I once again worked as an election judge, and although the voter turnout was very low, I believe it was a further opportunity to make community contacts. This fall I am hoping to start attending some of the local sporting events to begin to make contact with families in the community.

### **A Personal Note of Thanks**

Becky and I are so very grateful for the care and support this congregation has given us through our time of loss and the need to help care for our mothers. I am also grateful for the gracious way this congregation has dealt with my physical limitations. I seek to always give my best to the ministry no matter the situation, and you have given me the room to do ministry in an adaptive matter.

I will be leaving for Vacation tomorrow morning, April 25<sup>th</sup> and will return on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This time will use 6 vacation days including 1 Sunday, leaving 17 vacation days including 2 Sundays. I have notified the Pastor Parish Relations Committee of my absence and secured The Reverend Dave Trover to preach at the morning worship service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need to reach me when I am away I will be checking messages twice a day.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

**Motion – Charlie Rainwater** made a motion to accept the reports, Doug Bishop 2<sup>nd</sup> that and it passed.

**Closed in Prayer – Ruby Bronke.**

- a. Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 28 at 7:30 pm