

Minutes for August 28, 2019

Members Present: Linda Denton, Charlie Rainwater, David Vancil, Marsha Brock, Heather Genesio, Julia Rogers, Allen Rogers, Carl David Bailey, Ruby Bronke, Judy Helsley,
Beth Lazenby, Pastor Wiggs

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: David Vancil made a motion to approve the AGENDA, Charlie Rainwater second that motion and it carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Charlie Rainwater moved to accept the Corrections to the minutes of the April 24, 2019. David Vancil second that motion, motion carried.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

TEASURER'S REPORT – David Vancil – We are generally on the same track as last year

ii. FINANCE SECRETARY–

iii FINANCE COMMITTEE – Doug Bishop

The finances for the church seem to be holding steady - We need to encourage people to continue to remember the building fund after the loan is paid off - as the parsonage needs some work - as does the cabin at Beulah. Also the roof on the fellowship hall is going to need to be replaced in the near future - so we are still going to have a considerable amount of maintenance expenses in the near future.

I am hoping that additional fundraisers for the building fund will be forthcoming in the future - for this year apple butter making has been cancelled due to scheduling problems - this has amounted to about \$3,500 in contributions to the building fund in the last few years. I personally would love to see the church loan paid off by the end of calendar 2019.

The Committee met to prepare for the budget preparation this fall - with various members soon to be assigned to contact the various Committee chairs to get their proposed budget request in prior to final budget preparation. Nothing else to report for now.

ii. TRUSTEES – DAVID VANCIL

Work done this summer:

Church cabin (Buelah camp): Recepticles changed to GFCI's

Pulled new wire for recepticles and GFCI's - \$309

Replaced A/C units on the sides (donated by Dennis Vancill and Allen & Julia Rogers)

Hopefully windows replaced after church loan paid off next year

Parsonage: Pumped out grease trap and septic tank to alleviate drain problem - \$250

Replacing broken sliding back door when glass company is in area - \$300

Church: Cleaned gutters

Ordered load of dirt for fill around sidewalks.

David crawled under the parsonage dining floor is bouncy, the flooring itself will be corrected when we replace flooring. Tiny repaired the parsonage driveway but needs more rock. David cleaned the gutters on the church. The gutters on the Educational Building were replaced when we built the new church. Dirt is still coming for the church. Parsonage has no internet Newwave will be replacing the wire but they will have to trench the yard for the new box next to the Electrical box and they must go under the sidewalk. Need to be careful of rock bed they will be getting close too. The mold in the cabins will need to be addressed hopefully next summer.

iii. SECURITY COMMITTEE -DAVID BAILEY

iv. PPR- ANDY RAINWATER – No Report.

v. NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP – REV WIGGS

vi. NURUTURING MINISTRIES – BETH LAZENBY

Nurture committee met on August 13 with 10 in attendance. Several upcoming church wide events were discussed. Ann read previous minutes and a devotion.

On September 8th at 5:30 a yearly birthday party will be held. Becky will make signup sheets for monthly cakes, table decorations, and finger foods. Jennifer Craft has agreed to do trivia. We are hoping for good attendance.

October 20th is homecoming Sunday with Dennis Price and family coming with music and sermon. A noon potluck meal will follow with no Sunday school that day. Pastor Bill will invite former pastors.

November 17 at 5pm is Thanksgiving dinner with meat provided.

December 1st at 3:00 will be decorating for Christmas. We will have soup and chili also!

We want to encourage everyone to continue 'pew partners' for anyone missing whether in your 'pew' or not. In the future we may have invitation cards printed and placed in book racks in the pews.

Our next meeting is November 5th at 2:00 pm

- vii. OUTREACH MINISTRIES – MARTHA MORGENSTERN – No Report
- viii. WORSHIP & WITNESS MINISTRIES – REV WIGGS -No Report
- ix. PRAYER COORDINATOR – BETTY O'KEEFE -No Report
- x. COORDINATOR OF CAMPING – DENISE SMITH – No Report
- xi. LAY LEADER- ALLEN ROGERS – No Report
- xii. ANNUAL CONFERENCE – RUBY BRONKE – Ruby enjoyed Annual Conference
- xiii. BEREAVEMENT – CINDY RAINWATER & JUDY HELSLEY – Did 3 funerals between April and August, Dave Eaton's Father, Paul Morgenstern, and Pugh Bishop's.
- xiv. EDUCATION – HEATHER GENESIO – The 2019 Vacation Bible School was a huge success. This year's theme was **ROAR. Life is Wild, God is Good. Approximately 50 children attended at least one night of VBS. We had over 20 volunteers who worked to provide an exciting, enjoyable experience. Follow-up postcards will be sent to the children who attended, inviting them to come to worship with their families. There are now three adult Sunday School Classes. Andy Rainwater is teaching a class about various topics in the Bible. We are currently studying angels. Elisabeth Collins resigned as Sunday School teacher, so we have eliminated a middle school class. Third, fourth, and fifth grades have been combined and sixth, seventh, and eighth grades have been combined. The Preschool class has requested curriculum and we are looking at options. Deborah Bandy is no longer co-teaching the first and second grade class. She will be a substitute as needed. I would like to request that the Finance Committee consider increasing the budget for Vacation Bible School. It's currently only \$300. We borrow decorations from a church in Marion and ask for donations from the congregation to purchase the food. I suggest increasing the budget to \$500 to help offset the rising cost.**

xv. TECHNOLOGY – ANDY RAINWATER- The new mic is now here.

xvi. PARISH NURSE – LEE WILSON- Lee stated she is not qualified to be a Parish Nurse. Need to find a more qualified Nurse to fill that position. May need to check to see how much the classes will cost.

xvii. METHODIST WOMEN – MARSHA BROCK

August Council Meeting. We are averaging between 14-19 women each month to our meetings. We have had a guest speaker, Ruth Hawkins, who came to speak to us about the food pantry. Once again, the Women provided Father's Day gifts to the men of our church.

Many of the women signed up as prayer Warriors for our kids and adults going to church camp at Beulah. We still continue our card ministry to those in our church and community who need prayers and cheering up. We are stepping back from our sunshine bags at the moment at least until the holidays to see what direction we may want to follow. We gave \$100 towards Bible School, and we gave \$100 to the men to help buy chairs for the Adult Sunday School classes. We also gave \$100 toward Sawyer Morgenstern's Education Fund as a memorial for Paul Morgenstern. The women also donated \$50.00 to be used to purchase onesies for "Love A Child Inc.", ministry in Haiti. This ministry group just opened a "Birthing Center" this year. More than 100 babies were born in this center in a month. We are working through Janice Pyle of Du Quoin as she visits this mission field throughout the year. Debbie Vancil volunteered to pay the cost of mailing of these receiving blankets and onesies. Hopefully the Outreach Committee will help us this winter provide more blankets and onesies for this mission. We did not meet in July or August this year but hopefully next summer we will just miss one month. We are planning on having United Methodist Women's Sunday this fall. The Women also donated \$100 to the DuQuoin Food Pantry.

xviii. METHODIST MEN – SCOTT LOYD- No Report

xix. YOUTH – JULIA ROGERS

On April 13 had Easter Celebration. On May 5 youth had potato bar also Youth sold Larry's House of cakes cards. These two fundraisers were quite successful and well worth doing again next year. We had 13 sign up for Early Bird camp and all attended. The church sent youth to BYI, Bible camp and Junior high Alive. All three camps were a great spiritual experience. We were able to have the experience of sharing our cabin with others and it was a learning experience for all. The Holy Spirit was as always at Beulah this year. The money raised at fund raisers was used to update wiring done by Charlie Rainwater, Scott Loyd and David Vancil. Which saved us money because it took two days work for wiring and a partial day for different air Conditioner in girls side which was donated from Dennis Vancil (one he had), the boys air conditioner was also replaced with a new one. The refrigerator from our church kitchen was installed in girl's side. It really works good. Thank you. Beth Lazenby made new curtains for the girl's side and a dressing room curtain. Next year we are hoping for new windows in cabin. We had prayer warriors for each camper and sponsors which was very much appreciated. Each camper had their name taped to bunk so they knew they were being prayed for and also prayed for them. Everyone's prayers for and during camp means so much and is what makes their camp a spiritual experience. We are planning on having a Youth Kickoff on Sunday, September 22 at Pastor Wiggs and Becki's yard with cookout and outdoor games. The Youth will then meet every other Sunday at 5:30. Fourteen Youth total went to our church camp, 4 from Fairfield went, 10 from our church went to Beulah Youth Institute. 9 went to Jr. High Alive. 5 boys and 3 girls went to Bible Camp. Thanks for the blessing of leading our church Youth closer to God.

Allen, Julia and Melissa

xx. PASTOR REPORT – REV BILL WIGGS

Ann Conner was looking to connect with the church more so she is helping out in the office. She works 10 hours a week, helping with organization. Her hours are 10 hours a week from 10:30-1, M, Tues & Wed.

She is especially helpful since Rev. Wiggs has been out of the office lately. I have held the opening prayer for the Ministerial Council at the Du Quoin City Hall. I speak at the nursing homes in town, the residents really enjoy me doing this. I have been making a lot of hospital visits also. The District Nominations committee wants us to identify leaders in rural churches in our congregations.

Our Bishop wants to know how our conservative local churches are feeling about the future of our denomination and leaders. He wants to leave ministers for 5-7 years – so churches won't have to be starting anew- he wants longer tenure as long as it works. The Bishop is a member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association. The next International meeting is in October 2020 in Tulsa, Okla. The Methodist Church may have a split in the congregation but hope it is a healthy one. The Vision & Missions will need to meet again soon.

From Jan. to Aug. of 2019. Our average Attendance is 92. Our conference thinks we have less than 92. That is our average attendance in 2018. The Bishop wants us to get to at least 100. The Bishop is asking us to come out of maintenance mode – which is better than a decline. The first step – 3 questions will be asked. 1. Why do we exist. 2. Where are we going – what is our vision for the future. 3. How will we get there. The Bishop says if we go where we need to go what steps do we need to take to achieve that.

1st. Corinthians 1:10 be of 1 thought and 1 mind. May get Ann to post on Social Media – this may lead to more foot traffic in our church.

Motion by Charlie Rainwater and 2nd by David Vancil to accept our Quarterly Report.

Close in prayer by Rev. Wiggs.

Committees need to meet before Oct. 6th.

Sunday Oct. 6th at 6pm or 7 will be next Council Meeting.

October 20 is Charge Conference at 4pm in a Cluster at 1st Methodist in DuQuoin.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING – Sunday, October 6 at 6 pm.

**SUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

DONATION TO GREENWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

The organ at Greenwood UMC has bit the dust and cannot be repaired.

Sunfield UMC Trustees voted at a meeting on Sunday to donate our little

organ in the prayer room to them. It still works and isn't used, as far as I know. We need Church Council approval to make it official. Please send an email to me indicating whether you approve (Yes), disapprove (No) or abstain (Abstain). Please take the time to do this. Since it is an electronic vote, we need a majority of all Board members to vote in order to be "legal".

With a voting quorum of 10, the council approved the donation of the organ in the Prayer Room to Greenwood UMC.

The Results were:

YES: - Denise Smith, Martha Morgenstern, Julia Rogers, David Bailey, Andy Rainwater, Scott Loyd, Marsha Brock, Doug Bishop, Heather Genesisio.

ABSTAIN – Pastor Wiggs

NO-None

Thank you, everyone.

Linda Denton