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SNOW HILL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
April 21, 2016

The Church Council of Snow Hill United Methodist Church met April 21, with the following members present: Barbara Mabe, Keith Bullin, Jerry Ballard, Carolyn Henderson, Sam Tilley, Jerry Moorefield, Lee Richardson, Emily Anderson, and Daniel Lawson.

Barbara greeted us and thanked us for being here. She talked about the Church Council Mission being a big action picture encompassing Envision, Plan, Implement, and Evaluate. She said the Serenity Prayer. Everyone thanked Carolyn for doing the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: Each committee and ministry is writing their purpose statement. It will express their purpose for existing.

NEW BUSINESS: This was the quarterly report of financial operations. Lee said we were paying our apportionments quarterly. We finally received the numbers in April and we will be paying it then. The sound system is paid for, but maybe the carpet bill is still due to be done.

Jerry Moorefield said they are doing the budget for 2017. It is a guide, a road map for spending for the next year.

We are being asked to do the budget earlier now. They want the committees to list line items: 1. Funding needs [necessities], 2. Funding requests [wanted but not a necessity], and 3. Vision funding. He said Treasury recommends the budget as a map [wanting to define it more] but Council decides how it is spent.

He said it was good to have \$52,466.46 in our account. This is not nearly as bad as the troubles of 2012. He said we are in the best financial position we've been in since he's been Chair of the Finance Committee.

We looked at the right side of the Current 2016 Budget. We noted the Actual Costs against what the budget has for that item. He said they pay attention if any one item changes significantly, such as fuel. Jerry said the congregation and budget have been staying pretty much the same over the years. He said things may increase in the future, a few years down the road.

He showed us papers available for each Committee to use for their input to the 2017 Budget creation. There are places to list Funding NEEDS for 2017, Funding REQUESTS

for 2017, and Vision Funding for 2017-2020. There was a motion to accept the form of the papers for the Committees to fill in. Barbara noted the majority of the Committees were not represented at this Church Council meeting so there was no further discussion at that point.

We noted we did not vote to approve the motion about the papers. Barbara said she was unsure we had enough people in attendance for a Quorum. We stated we were here and we wanted to vote on the Papers. The papers were approved by those at the meeting.

There were questions about the Building Fund.

First, we were told the history of the Building Fund. It started around year 2000. It and donations that came in were used to pay for the parsonage. It was paid for when it was finished being built. Money in the Building Fund went toward the sound system, along with donations given for that.

We learned the Building Fund varies a great deal because when there is a donation, the Building Fund amount contains that designated donation and the real money of the fund. Then when a check is written to pay for the item that donation was designated for, the amount in the Building Fund goes low again. Lee is able to track all the specifics in great detail, should the Council want them.

We said we appreciated very much the work Lee and Jerry do.

Keith played “A Charge to Keep I Have” on the piano and Sam prayed for us to dismiss.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Henderson, Recording. Secretary