

SNUMC Church Council Meeting Notes For January 19, 2017

In attendance: Barbara Mabe, Keith Bullins, Jerry Ballard, Lee Richardson, Cindy Roberts, Malcolm Roberts, Steve Gregg, Glen Robertson, Chuck Spicer, Sam Tilly, Pat Spicer, Keith Lawson, Dot Slate, Daniel Lawson

Barbara opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the annual “kick off” meeting. She led the group in a discussion of what it means to “do the work of Christ’s Church”. “What” is done by the various Council members was discussed last year. “How” we do the work is as important as the “what” we do.

Points made in the discussion regarding “how” included:

- Commitments of the Council include doing God’s will, discerning His call, being hands and feet of Christ, initiative to do work, setting the direction and setting specific goals.
- As individual leaders we need to be committed to the responsibility of our specific roles, attend all the council meetings, read the minutes when unable to attend, empower people/team, encourage and provide direction, pray about our role, think outside the box to get things done, fulfill our commitments.
- As the legal body of the church, we need to have open honest discussions, be willing to actively listen, participate in voting decisions (using Fist of Five) and, once a vote is completed, support the decision of the council going forward in all conversations and actions.

The meeting continued with Celebrations

- The new members of the council for 2017 were introduced
- The new choir robes were used for the first time at the Christmas Cantata. The choir is very thankful for their ministry and gifts being recognized in such a special way. The church membership has also provided very positive comments.
- Terrific Tuesdays Together are going very well. Approximately 10-14 “young at heart” participants are energetic and look forward to the next meeting. About 5-6 members are participating in providing the program.
- Stained Glass Window project has sent out 55 letters to family members associated with the original windows. Very positive feedback from around the country.
- The new Children’s Ministry on Wednesday nights is going extremely well. Laura Wilson with the assistance of Sarah and Daniel Lawson are very excited to share God’s Word with 25+ kids from across the community. Exceeding original expectations and feel God’s hand on the ministry. Could use a few more adults to be part of the team.

Financial Report was provide by Lee Richardson

- Group agreed to close the separate bank accounts to the general account and the money moved to specific line items in the budget. No change in purpose of funds, just easier to manage in a single account.
 - o Snow Hill S.H.A.R.E --- move to S.H.A.R.E line item in budget
 - No change in Judy Fain’s role, Lee will write checks
 - o Backpack Ministry --- move to Children and Youth Ministry line item

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Trustee Report was provided by Chuck Spicer

- Stained Glass Window fund has ~\$5K. Contractor has time in schedule to begin work now. If we wait, it would be fall 2017 before he could begin. Council agreed down payment of \$4800 should be put down so contract can be initiated, and work begun as soon as possible. (Project was approved last year).
- Replace florescent lighting in fellowship hall with LED lighting. Duke Power is providing incentives for conversion, significant lower light bill, will include some dimming capabilities. Steve Gregg made the motion to approve. Council approved purchase.
- S.H.A.P.E has the structure for a Board of Directors but has been inactive lately. Keith Bullins made the motion to reinstate with the recommendation from the trustees. The board would consist of Director of SHAPE, two current parents of students participating in the program, Jerry or Maritza Moorefield, representative from Board of trustees, Chair of the Church Council, Pastor of SHUMC. Council approved recommendation.
- Sweat to Serve days tentatively set for

Pre-Easter	3/25	Pre VBS	6/17
Pre Homecoming	8/121	Fall	10/21
Pre Advent	11/18		

Groups in the church are encouraged to select one of the dates to “host” the work day for building excitement, participation, and feeling of working as a team. Council members should check schedules and come to the next meeting ready to sign up their team for one of the dates.

New Business

- DATE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS are moving to the **FIRST THURSDAY** of each month beginning Feb 2017.

Meeting was closed with singing “A Charge to Keep I Have” and a closing prayer by Pastor Pat.

Provided by
Janet Gregg, Secretary