

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2015

The Church Council of Snow Hill United Methodist Church met January 22, with the following members present: Pastor Pat Spicer, Chuck Spicer, Willis and Jeanette Overby, Sam Tilley, Keith Bullin, Jerry Ballard, Carolyn Henderson, Arthur Glidewell, Tommy Wagoner, Dot Slate, Laura Wilson, Cindy and Malcolm Roberts, Barbara Mabe, Lee Richardson, and Glenn Robertson.

Jerry Ballard called us to order, read a devotion, and prayed for us.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read by all and approved.

Pastor Pat noted for the Financial Report that we were ahead by \$17,000 at the end of 2014.

Tommy Wagoner gave the Outreach Committee report. He said they met Sunday with a new committee. They felt a renewed spirit of mission and outreach in the church.

He said we are supporting 16 with the Back Pack Ministry. They will be doing things to raise funds for it. It will continue until end of the year, then evaluate.

They are continuing the 5th Quarter and will have sign ups soon. They decided to do Mission Meals Quarterly. They will let you know what donations from that Mission Meal are going to. The first one is February 22. It will be "Soup and Salad", and the donations will go to the Back Pack Ministry. It will be the kick off for Missions.

He also said ideas they had, such as a health fair in the spring here at the church. They will talk to Pioneer. We have several church members who could staff a health fair.

They also see a need for medical equipment, due to Medicare cuts. He said some will not / cannot pay for a walker or wheel chair and other simple things. They want to get unused items inventoried and stored in a good place until someone needs it. He said they also have a bunch of partitions like businesses use in a large office area. They would like to donate them. They are portable, but heavy.

He noted North Stokes Food Pantry is up and running. They have carried 3400 pounds of food to them. We can expand our role by working on Thursdays. We are also supporting East Stokes, and it was recommended we just support North Stokes. Pastor Pat pointed out when we spend \$3 for a box of cereal, what the pantry gets is a box of cereal. When we donate \$3, the pantry is able to buy much more with it than just 1 box of cereal. Do we want to have a donation box for N. Stokes, when it is better to just give a few dollars? We discussed how to support both well, as some did not want to stop supporting East Stokes. We discussed monetary support for East Stokes, with collected items and monetary support for North Stokes. We passed a motion to continue financial support for both ministries but drop the box in the narthex, which becomes more like a trash can than not.

Tommy said they were looking for another small storage building or add to the one we have. Willis said he has some storage space we can use.

The Council passed a motion to accept the Proposal [for 5 year vision of the church] as stated. A copy of it is after the end of these minutes.

Chuck is now working on a web page for the church.

We would like to have an investigation team looking into possibilities. We would start now with no. 1 and 2: God's guidance and vibrant, active congregation. The Pastor and people have permission to start collecting data for the proposal. Pastor Pat suggested we read over it several times and let them know if we have any ideas.

Next was the Pastor's Report. It is the statistical report turned into the Conference. We were 182 members last year, now we are 190 members. Pastor Pat said we are just at a beginning on this. She said

there are people out there that would be pleased by a church home. We are now averaging 75-80 at Sunday Service. Last year, it was 68, so we are gaining some.

Lee passed out the Treasurer's Report, which was the activity for the last year. [Everyone is invited to attend a Church Council meeting.] It showed us with \$18,483 in the bank now. We discussed the projector is to be paid out of the Building Fund, that it is a part of the building. It cost \$2400, and we currently have approximately \$2-300 donated toward it so far. We looked at the October 18 minutes to remember what we'd decided.

Willis said we are blessed to have the screen, that he had heard several positive comments about it from the people in the congregation. He also noted we are blessed to have a good minister and a good minister's spouse, that they help and do so much for us.

We said the next Church Council meeting will be the first Thursday in March.

Pastor Pat prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROPOSAL TO SHUMC CHURCH COUNCIL

The Pastoral Leadership Team [PLT] has reviewed and discussed the rationale for developing a Vision for SHUMC and presents here their recommendation both for the Vision and a five year overview of steps for implementing steps toward that Vision.

The PLT recommends the following:

- Adopt the Vision statement as:
Snow Hill United Methodist Church will follow Jesus, as we grow in grace, make disciples, and transform our community / world by serving the emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of our neighbors in accordance with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- > Adopt the following objectives that will demonstrate the Vision:
 - 1. Serve those in need through: Financial Assistance, home repairs, food**
 - 2. Provide for Intentional Spiritual growth of the total community: rich, passionate worship, Bible study, diverse growth opportunities**
 - 3. Demonstrate Christ's love and healing: Christian Child Care Center, Senior Citizen Enrichment Center, Counseling Center**
- Acknowledge the following needs as those critical to fulfilling this mission:
 - 1. GOD'S GUIDANCE**
 - 2. VIBRANT, ACTIVE CONGREGATION**

- 3. MEMBERSHIP SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE TOTAL VISION**
- 4. COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES FROM CONGREGATION**
- 5. ENLARGED FACILITY**
- 6. PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A VIGOROUS BUILDING / RENOVATION CAMPAIGN**
- 7. TIMELINE OF BENCHMARKS / EXPECTATION AND EVALUATION**

- We further recommend that should the Church Council endorse this proposal that it immediately empower a Vision Team to explore the possibilities and challenges incorporated in full-filling the vision. This team would have two major foci: **1) To address and implement those aspects of the vision that can and must be in place prior to any major renovation, and 2) identifying options for enlargement and providing at least three feasible recommendations to Church Council.**

The Vision Team would be composed of the Ministry Area Leadership for the first focus and a newly appointed special operations committee composed of Finance Chair, Trustee Chair, Ministry Area Coordinators, Lay Leader, and pastor for carrying out the second focus.

- Assign the Vision Team dates for reporting progress reports and recommendations to Church Council

This proposal is respectfully submitted on this date, January 22, 2015.