

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2015

The Church Council of Snow Hill United Methodist Church met August 20, with the following members present: Pastor Pat Spicer, Chuck Spicer, Willis Overby, Sam Tilley, Keith Bullin, Jerry Ballard, Carolyn Henderson, Tommy Wagoner, Cindy and Malcolm Roberts, Barbara Mabe, Lee Richardson, and Keith Lawson.

Jerry Ballard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sam Tilley read and prayed for the Devotion.

Tommy Wagoner presented **the Outreach Area Report**. He said they continue to pick up food for the North Stokes Food Pantry and that we have 2 people who volunteer there. The Pantry is serving 74 families. He said we have helped two families with their electric bill. They are working tomorrow to make a handicapped ramp for a lady DSS recommended have one and DSS talked to Pat about it. On October 30, we will feed the North Stokes football team.

He said the Morton family whose house burned has gotten a contractor and is rebuilding. We offered to help with interior finishes.

Tommy said the Equipment Closet is moving along slowly. We have helped 2 people so far. He is contacting home health care services to let them know we could help. We have a good bit of equipment. Keith Lawson said sometimes patients give him things, so he will bring them to the closet.

**UMW Report:** Cindy Roberts gave this. The Church Council will be hearing from approximately one church committee per meeting. Cindy noted they have done many mission projects from locally to internationally. Quilts given number 161. Cards sent to those sick number 218 since they started keeping up with that.

On the international front, UMW sent \$250 to Dan Snyder based in New Zealand. He works with human trafficking in the Asian area. UMW sent ten birthing kits to countries with no birthing hospital care, as well as several sewing kits (material, needles, and buttons) to other places. They supported Seeds of Hope in Stokes County. Seeds offers foster kids a chance to go to camp.

Cindy told of Mary Wagoner's prayer squares going into the narthex. Anyone can keep them with them, able to hand one to someone stressed or needing to know we cared for them. She said the UMW is looking for a small college sized refrigerator to put in the Sunday School Nursery to hold cold juice, etc. She noted the Rummage Sale is coming up.

Lee Richardson gave **the Finance Committee Report**. He said we have paid half of our apportionment for two quarters now. They recommend we pay all the next time. We decided to discuss that further at the end of the third quarter.

Pastor Pat gave **the Pastor's Report**. She said she wanted something symbolic to give to babies and talked to Mary about it. We have 2 baptisms August 30<sup>th</sup>. She noted the Laity Award is coming up, that several groups will be recommending someone for it.

She gave us a hand out for Back to Church Sunday schedule and ideas, including a sign-up sheet for providing snacks and volunteers needing to help. She said a reception with snacks would be good for after the service. She said that way people could snack and talk as they move around in the Fellowship Hall. She requested our thoughts, and we said it sounded fine to us.

Barbara Mabe said they removed around 20 from the membership rolls appropriately (of a total of 90). These 20 were people we absolutely had NO information for and those who said to please

remove them. People on the Council who called others reported the results for those calls. Barbara said it would not save us a huge amount of money paying the apportionment, but it would help us out.

Pastor Pat said we have a small number of children who do come to each of the class levels. We don't have to have hundreds but they are substantial though small. She says worship service is worship and is not designed to educate any of us in all aspects of what we need to know. She said Sunday School is for spiritual growth.

Chuck presented the Sanctuary Sound Upgrade Project hand out to us. He said in Phase I, the electrician we hired fixed some things. The electrician said some of the hanging wires were potentially hazardous and we were lucky to have had no problems from them. He fixed those. Chuck asked the council what to do next concerning Phase 2 for audio controls. We can decrease the cost somewhat by providing "sweat equity". We passed a motion to proceed with Phase 2.

We had noted the audio systems are dying slowly. They currently are on an illegal frequency, sometimes picking up EMS channels. We also noted the most significant events we have in the sanctuary occur during the next 6 months. The quote given us is a Turn Key installation, meaning when they finish the installation, it is fully ready to go. Chuck said we would need to pay 100% within 30 days of their finishing date. The cost is \$14,000. It will take 30 days to get in their schedule and have the equipment on site.

We asked Malcolm of the Finance Committee to present the information and our needs to the church Sunday August 23. We wanted it to be a special envelope for donation. The cost will also need whatever Tim Wilson charges us for the desk housing the audio /video controls.

We noted next month September 17, 6:30 is a Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting.

We prayed and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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