

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2015

Unapproved

The Church Council of Snow Hill United Methodist Church met April 16, with the following members present: Pastor Pat Spicer, Chuck Spicer, Willis Overby, Sam Tilley, Keith Bullin, Jerry Ballard, Carolyn Henderson, Arthur Glidewell, Cindy and Malcolm Roberts, Barbara Mabe, Lee Richardson, Glenn Robertson, and Keith Lawson.

Jerry Ballard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carolyn Henderson read a Devotion, and everyone prayed.

For the **Delegate Election to the Annual Conference**, we nominated and seconded Keith Lawson. Pastor Pat thanked Cindy for her past work at the conference and said it helped her a lot. Willis told how inspirational Lake Junaluska is.

Barbara Mabe gave the **Membership Area Report**. She stated her area is congregational care, such as visitation and prayer. She said it was necessary to decide who the membership is. We have 190 on the membership rolls. Of those, 75-80 have not been here for a good while and we don't know their situations. She had several sheets with their names on there and asked us to write down any situations we know. Are they still in Stokes County? Are they now attending another church?

Willis said a lot live out of state. Should we do a letter including Snow Hill information and enclose a stamped card to send back? On it, they can elect to relinquish their membership in the church. He noted apportionment amounts are based on membership numbers.

Sam Tilley gave the **Trustees Report**. He said the Work Day on the 28th was a success. He said SHAPE recently had a leaking water problem. Something had chewed the refrigerator line, but water went out away from the refrigerator.

Glen worked on the sewer system at the church and got the cost for it reduced. He cleared the most recent jam in the lines. He said it was mostly due to drying towels for hand drying being put into the commode. During much discussion over this, it was revealed everyone wished there was a better alternative for fixing the current problem. But we approved a motion that he purchase an electric air blowing hand drying machine to have on hand and put it in if it turns out to be needed. He said it is better to leave the tank alone if it is not messed up now because it takes a long time for the proper microbial action to get started up.

The Trustees have an ongoing list of projects to be done. These are as follows: cleaned and resealed springs on the door, upgrading the sound system in stages, lightning hit the building and needs re-wiring, electrical issues all over the building such as some cords aged and needing replacement, need a bigger electrical box and want to not go through a wall, need 2 dedicated circuits for the sanctuary, need the sign light to go on and off as it should at the right time, and light on the cross on all the time.

The Trustees noted they have requested estimates from 2 electricians and have been waiting for a reply since December. They would like the name of other electricians who are not so busy that they cannot come give an estimate. They would like to go ahead and hire a locating service to locate the fuel tank, all electrical items, and all outside the church building. They know where the phone lines are. They would like to have the electrical items done by Homecoming. They would like to get a bid and give the electrician a deadline.

The **Finance Committee** met and did a budget. It seemed we needed to postpone this report as Jerry Moorefield, Chairman, was not there. But Malcolm and Lee wanted to talk about the 2015 budget handout we had. They said the committee recommends we pay half the apportionment this time and next time, with the aim of paying all of it at the end of the year. They noted no money was set aside for the van in the

budget, so that item may need to be changed. Malcolm discussed each line item in the budget, noting they put as many things as possible at \$0. The total budget for 2015 as recommended by the Finance Committee is \$115,009. He noted for the first quarter, our income has exceeded our expenses by \$10,456.

He noted they have received money for North Stokes Food Pantry. SHAPE has not taken any money from the church. They will send half the quarter apportionment payment in April, then same amount in June. Then, at 3rd quarter, the Committee will revisit the process of assessing income vs expenses to make a decision at that time. He noted what they paid in for medical insurance and pension fund is part of apportionment and they will address that after the first 2 payments.

Malcolm noted 6 months ago we had \$43 in the bank whereas now it is \$30,571. The Committee is interested in looking into ways to facilitate giving.

Pastor's Report: For the Church Vision Review / Action, she supports us in making it come true. She recommended a presentation to the membership and get input back from them. She said the Visioning Teams are open to someone outside the Council. She noted we are thinking of a building for a future we are not a part of. The presentation is the logical next step and could be by the Pastor and 2-3 other members. The Council decided to do that May 17, to have a short worship service 10:30-11:15, a quick break, then the presentation. She would encourage people to ask questions and have index cards with questions passed down. The details presented would be reaching out to the community, hoping some of the young people will want to participate.

The Council accepted the **minutes** of the last meeting.

We adjourned after Pastor Pat led us all in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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