

SNOW HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2016

The Church Council of Snow Hill United Methodist Church met March 17, with the following members present: Pastor Rev. Dr. Pat Spicer, Chuck Spicer, Barbara Mabe, Jeanette Overby, Janey and Sam Tilley, Keith Bullin, Jerry Ballard, Carolyn Henderson, Arthur Glidewell, Cindy and Malcolm Roberts, Lee Richardson, Keith Lawson, and Daniel Lawson.

Barbara Mabe, Chair, welcomed us and said a Centering Prayer for us.

Old Business: All teams have had orientation meetings. All teams and committees have met 1-3 times. She said every team and committee is required to meet once per quarter but can meet more often. She said to keep in mind each committee is to have a mission statement, expressing in their own words their function, goal, direction. "It is God's church and work we do."

We commit to ministries to meet the needs of those who will come. We are working for today, but remember to work for the future also.

New Business: She said the Trustees have had several meetings and progressed on their work.

Daniel Lawson gave a **report of the Trustees**.

He said there are several things the church needs. They have done smoke detectors with evacuation plans and drawings.

He said something to keep for future discussion and decision making. The evaluating insurance company said windows should be under our care. There is one estimate of \$13,000 to clean, repair, repaint, and install new protective coverings for 8 large stained glass windows, 4 smaller windows, and transom. Pastor Pat said if you look at the windows carefully with evaluating eyes, you can see several small holes in them that are getting larger as time goes on.

Replacing the front steps carpet as well as sprucing up whatever masonry was needed has been completed, for \$575.11.

A French drain or something else good is needed to prevent periodic flooding of the storage building. It also needs cleaning out.

There is an estimate of \$1500 for pruning the trees. They are awaiting other estimates.

They are still awaiting electrician arrival and estimates. They are trying to keep all work local. Most items mentioned by the insurance company have been addressed. The one exception is awaiting the electrician to put an outlet in the copier room. The electrician has already completed other tasks in the building.

The Fire Marshall also checked out the SHAPE building and they have been working on that. Please let them know if we see something that needs doing.

SHAPE has only 2 plug ins. It also needs painting and pressure washing.

They have wondered when was the last time a new roof was put on the church building. They asked Glen Robertson, and he could not remember, so they have no recall of it and want it to not get into a leaking state. They will get the roof inspected.

Sam, the Chair of the Trustees, said they depend on the Lord for their strength. To let us be in his favor to do these jobs, as they are overwhelming.

Pastor Pat commended them for tackling a huge task one bite at a time, consistently. Barbara said the trustees are responsible for the facilities but not called upon to do all the work. Each member needs to help out and to share any ideas we have.

We had no **other team or committee** reports to be presented at this meeting of the Council. Jerry Ballard did say the **Parsonage Committee** needs a time for the committee to meet with Pat and Chuck to check the deck repairs and staining, and some windows.

For the **Finance Committee**, Pastor Pat said Richard Buckin gave a talk to them. He is a pastor who also has experience with finances outside the church setting.

She said the Finance Committee prepares a budget in line with the needs of the church. Each committee and ministry submits requests for the budget. Remember the need to put down things in your area, foreseeable needs, which enrich your areas. Remember by **June 15** each Chair must present their budget to the Finance Committee. By August the Finance Committee will have the budget drawn up.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pat said it is a blessing to be in worship this Lenten season. For us to please invite others, especially when there is nothing in their home church on that day. She read a list of the various services starting with Palm Passion Sunday and which are also listed in the church bulletin. The items coming in April are April 3 at 5 PM Family Movie Night with films for the grownups and another film for the children. April 10 Mickey Efird will deliver the message. He is the minister we saw in the DVD presentations for the Bible Study of Revelations. Then on April 30 (last Saturday of that month), there is UMM conference in Statesville and perhaps people would like to carpool.

We stood to sing "A Charge to Keep I Have" and for Pastor Pat's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

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