

Silverdale United Methodist Church

Church Council Minutes – Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:00pm

PRESENT: Grant Bosshardt, Sally Bosshardt, Donna Kirkpatrick, Brett Hall, Chris Wyatt, and Alissa Walters.

PRAYER & DEVOTION: Grant Bosshardt opened the meeting in prayer and a devotional on Exodus 15:25 from an entry in the devotional book called *Streams in the Desert* by L.B. Cowen.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Donna Kirkpatrick moved to accept minutes as printed, Chris Wyatt seconded
*Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Vision & Planning Committee Update – Brett Hall & Chris Wyatt reported

1. Donna Kirkpatrick reported that Rice Fergus Miller Group has been paid \$12,000 for the first part of their work.
2. There was a VPC meeting held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 with a newly interested developer.
3. From this meeting it's been made clear SUMC needs to obtain a property appraisal assessment and we need to regroup the committee and members of the church to determine a clear goal.
4. A guided facilitation meeting is being planned with Rice Fergus Miller Group. This will be with a group of 24 congregants—current committee members and regular meeting attendees along with a few others to include some younger members of the congregation.
5. Donna Kirkpatrick reported that a \$4000 check was donated by a non-church member toward the building fund which will help with possible additional costs.
6. It is suggested to have a Saturday facilitation meeting in October with a mandatory 1 hour prayer meeting the week prior for those who commit to attend the facilitation meeting.

b. Ministry Moments – Chris Wyatt reported.

1. Ministry Moments are given the last Sunday of the month; HGC, Hospitality, Children and Youth Ministry have reported so far.
2. September is Severe Weather Shelter, October is Missions, and November is TBD.
3. Brett Hall suggested Ministry Moments for the month have their information to the office two weeks prior in order to allow the office ample time for script and slide presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Office Hours

1. Chris Wyatt suggests office hours change to avoid future frustration and confusion when the office is closed for weekly staff meetings. SUMC publications state the office hours are **Monday**-Thursday from **9am**-4pm.
2. It is suggested that SPR (and the Office) adjust the "**OPEN**" hours to **Mondays 12-4pm** and **Tues-Thurs 9am-4pm**. This could reduce future frustrations if people come to the office. Also clear sign communication during office closures will help. The office should only be closed during emergency situations during other posted open times.

b. Comment from Harry Gilger.

1. Harry could not attend the August 27th Council meeting in person to express his opinions regarding beliefs, communion, and the Sunday service. However, he did prepare a letter that was read by Grant Bosshardt to the council. The letter will be attached to the end of the meeting minutes for review. Harry looks forward to any responses generated from his letter. Council members present had mixed feelings about the information presented in the letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Staff Parish Relations – Sally Bosshardt reported

- SPR has new Nursery Coordinator candidates needing processed. Shelli Walker will follow-up on the hiring.
- Brett Hall made note that our Office Manager, Kerri Topp and her husband have Navy PCS orders to Florida in January. Its suggested that SPR begin the process to fill a vacant office position soon so that proper training and turnover can be done before she leaves. Sally Bosshardt stated that is meeting will be held soon.
- Donna Kirkpatrick would like guidance from SPR regarding Kerri Topp's pay now that "maternity leave" is over.

Finance – Donna Kirkpatrick reported

- The current budget report and financial position were distributed and reviewed.
- A recent \$4,000 donation was made to the building fund.
- A brief discussion of budgets and spending was discussed.

Hospitality – Chris Wyatt reported

- There will be a Labor Day weekend Chili Cook-Off, Sunday, Sept 1st after worship in the SUM Social Hall.

Worship – Chris Wyatt reported

Banners were changed in the Sanctuary this week.

We will honor Veterans on November 10 at the Worship Service with stars and other decorations.

Missions – No report

Trustees – Brett Hall reported

- The Montessori School has been re-roofed this week. Hanley did a great job!

Information Technology – Brett Reported

- Bill Carson is going be taking over IT and working Pastor John to get office computers & printers on the same page.
- The office/ IT should have everything from Gary Wright to get things done.

Music Ministry – No report

Children's Ministry/ Nursery – No report

Youth Ministry – Brett Hall reported

- Children's and Youth Sunday School starts September 8, 2019 at 9am upstairs.

Young Adults – no report

Adult Discipleship – no report

Hallowed Grounds Café – Donna K. reported

- Unfortunately at this time HGC will no longer be receiving meat donations from the West Bremerton Safeway due to corporate protocol.

Severe Weather Shelter – No report.

Lay Leadership Committee – No report.

***Sunday Slides** – Brett Hall requested (to Office and SPR) that ALL Sunday slides be standardized, not just Ministry Moments. This includes sermon, scripture & announcement slides. No more funky fonts, graphics or pictures on slide screens due lighting, unprofessional appearance and older projection quality in the sanctuary. A white background with black Times New Roman font would be the easiest to read.

Grant Bosshardt closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be September 25, 2019.

*Motion

What do we believe?

Do we believe God created the Heaven and Earth, do we believe Jesus is the only Son of God, do we believe Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, do we believe Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, do we believe Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, do we believe Jesus was crucified and buried, do we believe Jesus descended in to Hell, do we believe Jesus rose from the dead, do we believe Jesus ascended in to Heaven and sits at the right hand of God The Father Almighty, do we believe Jesus will come to judge the quick and the dead, do we believe in the Holy Spirit, do we believe in the Holy catholic Church, do we believe in the Communion of Saints, do we believe in the forgiveness of sins, do we believe in the resurrection of the dead, and do we believe in the life everlasting? Why are we reluctant to regularly confess to ourselves and other members of God's family these beliefs?

Communion

John 6:53: Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink the blood, you have no life in you.

Communion is one of the 3 Sacraments of the church universal. It is to be received with reverence and importance. Communion is the sacrament that forgives us of the sins we confess (either individually or as a community) and provides strength to our souls. It is not to be treated frivolously or as an afterthought. For over 200 years the Methodist church has celebrated communion with a liturgy that helps us understand the significance of communion and the guides us in corporately and individually confessing our sins and praising God for this sacrament. Why did we follow the liturgy (I do not think Pastor was shown this before the service by his reaction to it) while celebrating communion at the meeting at Brownsville Methodist Church led by Pastor and another Pastor with LGBTQ+ inclusion? Why do we not use the liturgy found in the hymnal approved by the 1988 General Conference in our service?

Sunday Service

The current order of service to me is like attending a concert (which I do very infrequently). We start the Concert(service) without purchasing a ticket. Part way through the service we then pay admission to attend (offering). More concert and then a commercial (lesson and message). Then more concert followed by a group of individual prayers, a departure guide(benediction) and then a Cumbia hand holding. For over 200 years the Methodist Church has been considered a Liturgical Church. In the beginning of the hymnal in the pew is the statement that the hymnal was approved by the General Conference. If the denomination thought it was so important to take the time to approve the hymnal at the General Conference, does it not make sense to use it? The liturgy for Communion has been used for centuries. It leads the congregant through the process to prepare for and properly receive communion.

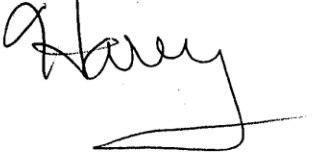
You may ask why I still attend SUMC after the above paragraph. I attend because of Les and Marge, Carl and Marilyn, Johnny Glen (Jesus Dude), Angela, Bonny Bogard, Pastor Larry and others who attend. They nourish my soul/spirit and provide me with a Christian Model worthy of being followed. In other

words, being in the presence of Christians guides my life in a positive way and allows me to increase in my Faith.

Grant, Pastor John, Chris, Steve, Cathy, Pastor Larry and Pastor Bob, you are receiving this prior to the August Council meeting. I respectfully request this be read to the Council and placed in the Council Minutes. I look forward to any response generated by this.

Respectfully with Christian Hope

Harry

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

