

Silverdale United Methodist Church

Church Council Minutes – June 26, 2019 7:00pm

PRESENT: Grant Bosshardt, Chris Wyatt, Donna Kirkpatrick, Alan Hunt, Maggie Stasny, Brett Hall, Larry Eyer, Alissa Walters.

PRAYER & DEVOTION: Grant Bosshardt opened the meeting in prayer and a devotional on Ephesians 2:10 from the June 25th entry in the devotional book called One Year Christian History by E. Michael and Sharon Ruston.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Vision & Planning Committee Update – Brett Hall & Chris Wyatt reported
 1. The April met with the architects Steve Rice & Associates to review and discuss 7 concept -ideas for possible us of our current property. After previously looking at possible relocation, the committee decided to stay at current location in Silverdale.
 2. The SUMC vision, along with current codes and zoning regulations was reviewed, 5 plans remaining will be developed further to include renovations or rebuilding on our current property.
 3. The committee will meet with the architects in Sept.-Oct. time frame to see the refined choices before presenting them to the Church in an ALL church meeting.
 4. Two ALL CHURCH meetings will be held within two weeks of each other to review and then vote and choose a plan. These plans may or may not include engaging with Chick-Fil-A.
 5. Our future development will be cohesive with the ongoing improvement plans by the area of Silverdale & Kitsap County. These plans include a village style community; wider roads, businesses, shopping & living space within close proximity. Mike Brown with FPH Construction will be a good resource in planning and our build as he has developed many areas in Kitsap County.
- b. Evaluation of SUMC Services for people who are Low Income – Chris Wyatt reported. ****Full Report Below****
 1. The following people served on this team: Larry Eyer, Harry Gilger, Alan Hunt, Marion Mosher, Laura Packard, Bob Rosas, Amy Roszak, Maggie Stasny, Chris Wyatt
 2. During 4 meetings they listed positive impacts, negative impacts & mitigations, our church's role, and other support ideas, compiled all the information with our various outreach ministries, generating new goals and setting them into action. All the details will be in a report in the July Heartbeat Newsletter.
 3. Mobile Heath Units from Peninsula Community Health Services having been coming to our parking lot the past few months and will continue regular visits 1 or 2 Tuesdays per month.
 4. HGC has redefined some rules for volunteers to alleviate too many people trying to do the same thing on Tuesday nights, i.e. bussing tables & taking them to the dish window in the coffee room. Volunteer coordinators will wear a specific apron so that new volunteers know who to contact.
 5. One of the suggestions of this group is to have "Ministry Moments" during the service. The first Ministry Moment will be this Sunday, June 30th, highlighting Hallowed Grounds Café, and continue the last Sunday of month. The purpose of Ministry Moments is to give information, recognize volunteers and recruit new support. Brett suggested the Children Sunday School Ministry Moment include Youth. Larry confirmed a request the Missions Moment be in October.
Grant suggests we revisit this topic in 3 months to review how the mitigations are going.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. There is no new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. **Staff Parish Relations** – Sally Bosshardt, was absent and Grant reported on her behalf.
 1. They have candidates under review for the Nursery Coordinator Position.
 2. New Employee Handbook is still under review.
 3. There will be some temporary office pay adjustments during Kerri's Maternity Leave.

- b. **Finance** – Donna Kirkpatrick reported
 1. Review of January to June budget.
- c. **Hospitality** – Chris Wyatt reported
 1. Mother's and Father's Day Brunch were very nice, prepared by our HGC cooks.
- d. **Worship** – Chris Wyatt reported
 1. Décor for Pentecost is going to stay up for a few more weeks into July.
- e. **Missions** – Larry Eyer reported
 1. Fireworks Week – big annual fundraiser for missions, Chris reported possible lower sales due to county regulation changes for unincorporated areas. We will distribute coupons for people to purchase aerial fireworks from and Boomtown booth in Bremerton where we will receive credit for the sales using those coupons.
 2. Our support to the Haiti mission has provided funding for a cafeteria. Pastor Jonas has sent receipts and pictures of the completed progress per our request. Donna reported there is \$4400 in the Haiti mission account.
 3. Chris reported the Christmas Market registration is almost full.
- f. **Trustees** – Brett Hall reported
 1. Keys are all done! Locks are changed!
 2. Room 206 is closed for usage. Part of the ceiling near the west wall has fallen due to water damage. Gary Fowler and Steve Bennett assessed the damage and are drafting a proposal. Until its fixed Central Baptist Church may use room 205 or the Social Hall at no extra charge.
 3. The exterior damage to the West Wing was repaired.
 4. The Parsonage was to be repainted in June.
 5. The bus died on the HWY.
 6. Montessori A/C was repaired & serviced for \$140.
 7. Fixed the riding mower blades with \$\$ someone donated to fix it, works like new!
 8. Sink in the kitchen is done.
- g. **Information Technology** – Brett H had nothing new to report.
- h. **Music Ministry** – Brett Hall reported
 1. New Sound Board in exchange for our defective one. Don Cosner is coordinating.
- i. **Children's Ministry/Nursery** – No classes for the summer.
- j. **Youth Ministry** – Brett Hall reported
 1. Great turn out for the Youth Group Car Wash last Monday. They raised almost \$1000!
- k. **Young Adults** – no report
- l. **Adult Discipleship** – no report
- m. **Hallowed Grounds Café** – Maggie Stasny reported
 1. 314 people served in SH & 88 take home meals, totally 402 meals for June!
 2. Maggie is officially in charge of the Food Bank (not Chris Wyatt).
 3. 150 people have used the Food Bank so far in June.
 4. The Clothing Closet has had 120 people sign in. Pat Greer is doing amazing in her volunteer post on Tuesday nights.
 5. Quality Inn has donated more linens and left behinds to the Church.
- n. **Severe Weather Shelter** – No report.
- o. **Lay Leadership Committee** – No report.

Larry Eyer closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be in August or September, the date is To Be Determined.

*Motion

Blessings -- Alissa Walters

P.S. Thank you for your kindness and support during Kerri's maternity leave. Feel free to email me any edits, additions or revisions. ☺

****Evaluation of SUMC Services for People who are Low Income and/or Homeless-Report to Church Council, June 2019**

People on the Evaluation Team: Larry Eyer, Harry Gilger, Dennis Gregory, Alan Hunt, Marion Mosher, Laura Packard, Bob Rosas, Amy Roszak, Maggie Stasny, Chris Wyatt

Positive Impacts of the services provided by/at SUMC:

1. The services are one of the ways we live out our church mission statement, “Serving Jesus, Loving People, Living His Word”
2. New believers and congregants
3. Services provided for community and congregants
 - a. Meals—one of only two in Silverdale
 - b. Clothing—only clothing bank in Silverdale
 - c. Severe Weather Shelter—only one in Silverdale
 - d. Food Bank—supplements main food bank; easily accessible to congregants, especially on Sundays
4. Meeting social and emotional needs / fellowship / positive relationships
5. Exposure for community to church and Christianity
6. Provide education / referrals to outside resources
7. Individual(s) have been referred to mental health services
8. Avenue for SUMC Congregants to express our faith
9. Opportunity for congregants and other community members to give back to the community
10. Modeling how to treat others
11. Community business partnerships—financially Hallowed Grounds Cafe' is self-sufficient with food donations from businesses & monetary donations from congregants & others in the community.
12. Positive image in community
13. Developing trust leading to people accessing services to better themselves, including having spiritual needs met
14. Positive impact on children who come to Hallowed Grounds

Negative Impacts of these services, and possible mitigations:

Negatives	Mitigations
1. Vandalism / abuse of facility (trash, fecal remains, outside outlets, fires, bus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fence around bus—this was done recently • Cameras were previously considered but would be very expensive to install.
2. Strain on volunteers, especially when shelter is open many days in a row; also sometimes at Hallowed Grounds when there are not enough servers or dishwashers. (Volunteers are working directly with the public and they need extra mercy and grace to carry them through each day. Showing appreciation and gratitude for their services will have a positive impact on everyone.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise more for volunteers at our church and other churches in the Central Kitsap area / check into getting onto county-wide volunteer opportunity lists. Laura has drafted a script and will follow-up on this. • At Hallowed Grounds, have 2-4 lead people each time who are wearing a tan apron with the label “Ask Me”. The aprons have been ordered. These people will welcome new volunteers and direct them to how they could help • At Hallowed Grounds, consider a “table-to-volunteer” opportunity when it seems appropriate. • Recognition for the Hallowed Grounds Cafe volunteers through prayers, verbal and written thank yous, celebrate with recognition each year on the month Hallowed Grounds Cafe opened. This could be done at church during a <i>Ministry Moment</i> (see #7 below). Another idea is to have a church congregant who does not help with the meal bring written

	thank you to the volunteers and give them out to the individuals just before 4 pm, giving a personal thank you.
3. Inability to share gospel without restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an opening devotion & prayer each week. • People can be available to pray with people if they desire. Currently Pastor John does this. Might others be interested in joining him? • Consider adding a Welcome table with tracts available for those who are interested. Alan will look at possibilities.
4. SUMC lost some congregants because of some disruptive people who were homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locked doors on Sundays after church starts (except sanctuary)—this is being done and is helping • Let ushers know who they can contact if there are issues, particularly in the narthex and back of sanctuary
5. Mental health issues not being met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselors at severe weather shelters (no current funding) and/or a counselor available during Hallowed Grounds. • Mobile Behavioral Health Clinic once a month on Tuesdays—this happened in May & June, hopefully will continue. • Mental Health First Aid Training for volunteers
6. Lack of publicity about these ministries to congregants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have “<i>Ministry Moments</i>” once a month during the Sunday Service—a short (3 minute) oral overview with a slide along with a bulletin insert for people to volunteer for that specific ministry and recognize current volunteers. • Put Hallowed Grounds mission and volunteer opportunities in the monthly newsletter—Dennis to follow-up on this.
7. Rules are not always followed (e.g. Hallowed Grounds when extra food goes out)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set clear guidelines/rules and follow them • When rules are not working, evaluate if they need to be changed and follow through. • It is recommended that Hallowed Grounds write out the rules, keeping them simple, post them on the door, put them on the menus and review them orally at the beginning of meals. Dennis will follow-up on this. • A small group from the committee revised the rules for the Severe Weather Shelter to fit both county and church guidelines and to make them as manageable as possible

Our church’s role is in these ministries:

- To live out our SUMC Mission Statement: “Serving Jesus, Loving People, Living His Word”
- Love, compassion, forgiveness, shelter for those in need, hope, acceptance
- Transformation of lives in Christ—to help people become children of God.
- Helping transform lives to become functioning/contributing members of society.
- An open and welcoming place for all souls.

Other ideas that would provide support for congregants and the community:

- Consider adding everyday life help during Hallowed Grounds, e.g. help applying for jobs, finding housing, etc.
- Free cooking classes
- Free date night childcare
- Free exercise classes, focus on seniors

- A game time / social was started about a month ago on Wednesdays at noon. There is a mix of congregants and community members with about 15 people attending each week.

Schedule for the first four Ministry Moments was recommended as follows:

- June (the 30th)—Hallowed Grounds Café
- July—Welcomers
- August—Children’s Ministries
- September—Severe Weather Shelter