

Silverdale United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 7:00pm

PRESENT: Larry Eyer, Grant Bosshardt, Sally Bosshardt, Donna Kirkpatrick, Bob Rosas, Cathy Cosner, Don Cosner, Pastor John Weston, Steve Twiss, Chris Wyatt, Tracy Martello, Laura Gilger, Alissa Walters

PRAYER & DEVOTION: Grant Bosshardt opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional passage from Beside Still Waters by C.H. Spurgeon. (Psalm 22:8)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Clarification on Office Hours. M-Th from 9-4. A new sign will be posted during Monday staff meetings to
- b. August Vision & Planning Committee Meeting Review – Chris Wyatt reported
 - a. It's been suggested to have another All Church Meeting, TBD, before any conceptual designs are presented to the congregation. Additionally, it might be smart to wait until after the 2020 General Conference to see what happens within the denomination.
- c. Ministry Moments – Chris Wyatt Reported
 - a. October: Severe Weather Shelter, Maggie Stasny will report
 - b. September: Missions, Larry Eyer reported, went well!
 - c. November: Finance, Donna will report.
 - d. There will be No Ministry Moment in December

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Report on Orthodox Gathering – Chris Wyatt & Cathy Cosner reported
 1. A report to SUMC on the Orthodox Gathering was distributed **attached to the end of the meeting minutes
 2. Anyone who can, should attend the November 9th Simulcast here at SUMC.
 3. The VPC chairs will meet Sunday, Oct 2 after church to discuss & vote to postpone plans for 2020 or not.
 4. Discussion of suggested dates for an All Church Meeting before the simulcast, NOV 3rd was agreed upon.
 5. Cathy Cosner shared very informative suggestions about improving our church relationship with smaller local churches who share our beliefs and how we can all navigate forward together after the pending denominational divide after the 2020 General Conference. It's important we start praying about a revitalized ministry in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Staff Parish Relations – Sally Bosshardt reported

- Many staff changes we have a new Nursery facilitator, Aspen DeSalvo.
- It's been decided to keep office structure – Receptionist & Office Manager
- Appointing Alissa Walters as Office Manager
- We also hired a receptionist, Roialyn Afalla
- Al White, Custodial Maintenance, is resigning. In the process of hiring a replacement.

**Sub note— Members of the Lay Leadership requested the need for a brief explanation of how each committee operates in order for them to make informed decisions regarding any needed changes for 2020.*

Finance – Donna Kirkpatrick reported

- The current Budget vs. Actual report was distributed and reviewed.

Hospitality – Chris Wyatt reported

- The Annual Christmas Dinner is on the Calendar for December 8th A
- About 40 people serve to do events throughout the year.

Worship – Chris Wyatt reported

- Explanation of committee: seasonal decorations, sanctuary banners, candles, name tags, ushers, & welcomers.
- Committee meets and prays when it's time to change banners.
- Char Serra is the banner expert and must ALWAYS be on the committee. ☺
- NOV 1st is the next banner change.
- It was requested to have the ushers close the Narthex doors to the sanctuary during services to reduce noise.

Missions – Larry Eyer reported.

- Expecting confirmation soon of the completion of cafeteria in Haiti.
- No Fireworks funding missions this year.
- Christmas Market will generate funds – Chris Wyatt gave report.
 - \$1300 from registration fees.
 - OCT 13th is the next committee meeting.
 - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is OCT 27th.
- Bob Rosas pledged to give 20% of his market proceeds to the Haiti mission.

Trustees – Bob Rosas reported

- Many projects are on hold due to the possible future changes.
- Going to fix the roof leak in room 206.
- Getting the carpets cleaned soon.

Information Technology – Don Cosner reported

- Bill Carson is the new IT guy.
- Sound issues in the sanctuary may have been from having bad stage boxes.
- Presonus will be sending new units.
- Library Computer; in the process of removing and saving it elsewhere, computer is Windows-98-old.

Music Ministry – No report**Children's Ministry/ Nursery** – Chris Wyatt read a report from Marion Moser

- Started with 3 children, now up to 7, including an infant. We are very happy to have a nursery facilitator.
- October is the month for safe church training and updating background checks.
- Will contact Brett Hall about Safe Church training.

Youth Ministry – Chris Wyatt reported

- Jennifer Weston is working on Mentors.
- First Mentor Sunday is October 6th.

Young Adults – Pastor John Weston reported

- 20k of grant money from Pivot NW in the bank for young adult ministry.
- Hoping to do something with the money once

Adult Discipleship – No report**Hallowed Grounds Café** –No report**Severe Weather Shelter** – Alissa Walters reported for Maggie Stasny

- Volunteers needed for this season.
- Anyone interested in volunteering must complete a free training course provided by the Kitsap County Severe Weather Shelter.
- The training dates and locations were release and are out and were in the Rhythm Weekly email.
- Sign up online at <http://tiny.cc/kcsws>

Lay Leadership Committee Pastor – no report

Pastor Report – Pastor John Weston reported

- There is a spike in all areas of ministry creating a season of gridlock, consuming pastor's time.
 - 5 church related deaths; 3 services upcoming, 2 recent retreats; one out of state, personal emergencies/ crisis within the congregation, GNWCA monthly meetings, Clergy gathering out of town, needy people in the community;
 - Discussion regarding strategies for taking certain responsibilities off of Pastors plate; the Pastor Discretionary Fund is going to see future changes to be managed by a committee – this team is still under construction/ recruitment stage. A “CARE TEAM” is also under construction for pastoral care visitation, hospital visits, etc. allowing the people to be the church and provide ministry to one another in times of need.
 - The office has a list of people recently compiled who want to get more involved serving or connecting within the various church ministries; i.e. care team, geezers, grounds keeping, library team, etc.
 - Charge Conference is coming up, will working with Lay Leadership
 - Q: Bob Rosas asked: should we be thinking seriously about hiring an associate pastor?
A: Pastor John is willing to consider the thought as long as it makes sense from a financial budgeting standpoint.

District Report – Cathy Cosner reported.

- Our church needs to be aware that possibly politically motivated actions and other important things are happening within our district as we approach the 2020 General Conference. Cathy welcomes questions and further discussion at another time. Unfortunately it's a bigger topic than time left in the meeting to go into great detail.

Grant Bosshardt closed the meeting in prayer.

The next meeting will be September 23, 2019. * *POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th**

*Motion

** See the attached report to SUMC on the Orthodox Gathering by Chris Wyatt

Report to SUMC Church Council (10/2/10) on the Orthodox Gathering (written by Chris Wyatt from her notes)

SUMC Congregants who attended: Roger & Eurie Afalla, Don & Kathy Cosner, Larry Eddings, Steve and Becky Twiss, Rupert Walworth, John Weston, Chris Wyatt

Worship was a strong component of the gathering. Thanks to Pastor John Weston for leading this.

Walter Fenton, Vice President of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA), spoke on three topics:

- 1) Hope for the Journey - History of the United Methodist Church and the WCA
- 2) Since February 2019 General Conference-Indianapolis Plan for Amicable Separation
 - a) To be presented at the May 2020 General Conference along with at least two other plans
 - b) Written by a committee that included Traditionalists, Centrists, and Progressives
 - c) 2-3 new churches/denominations would be formed—all could use the name *United Methodist*
 - d) Addresses issue of pensions for pastors to continue in a way that local churches can afford
 - e) 4 year commitment to continue current support for African churches
 - f) Annual conferences select which new denomination to go with; if local churches within the conference disagree, they can opt into a different one with no penalties
 - g) All churches keep current assets
 - h) For additional information go to goodnewsmag.org—there are two articles here that provide more details
- 3) Courage and Faithfulness for What Lies Ahead-WCA's work on a possible structure for forming a new church denomination honoring orthodox/evangelical/tradition beliefs
 - a) No trust clauses
 - b) Leaner infrastructure
 - c) Empower laity to be more involved
 - d) Pastor selection by local church
 - i) Must consider a pool of 5 candidates to include at least one female, one person of color & one person of another ethnicity
 - ii) Church may select their own pool & have it approved or the denomination (bishops) can provide a pool if requested by the church
 - e) ~~No~~ apportionments — lower
 - f) Bishops serve for defined terms, not life time

Pastor Larry Eddings presented two sessions focused on forgiveness and healing, keeping a strong faith true to the Bible, and courage for the journey. The last session ended with communion.