**Silverdale United Methodist Church**

Church Council Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, November 6, 2019 | 7:00pm

**PRESENT**: Ken Koellermeier, Steve Twiss, Alissa Walters, Shyrl Kinert, Grant and Sally Bosshardt, Pastor John Weston, Larry Eyer, Donna Kirkpatrick

**Prayer & Devotion:** Grant Bosshardt opened the meeting with prayer and a devotional about Thanksgiving and Psalm 50:23.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: \*Pastor John Weston moved to accept minutes as printed, Donna Kirkpatrick seconded \*Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

1. Vision and Planning Committee update –

Chris Wyatt and Brett Hall made a report to the church on November 3, 2019.

1. Ministry Moments – Chris Wyatt Reported
	1. November: Finance, Donna will report.
	2. No Ministry Moment in December.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

1. Ken Koellemeier would like to become and UMCOR volunteer. (UMCOR Unite Methodist Committee On Relief)
	1. UMCOR is invited to respond to disaster relief efforts across the US and around the world. They were in Port Orchard last year after the Tornado touched down.
	2. All volunteers are self-sustained and operate on a small budget while on the relief mission. Volunteers pay for their own gas & transportation to get to the disaster site, as well as food and personal needs while they are there. They usually camp out in churches and schools to keep costs low.
	3. Ken is asking/ proposing to see if the church would help support Ken in his efforts when he is able to respond to be part of a disaster relief team.
	4. Larry Eyer asked what the budget would be. There was a positive discussion regarding funds & UMCOR Sunday.
	5. Missions will meet in January to discuss allocating funds for Ken.
	6. Special offerings could also take place before Ken leaves, when they time comes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Staff Parish Relations** – Steve Twiss reported

* Savannah’s hours have increased to 30+ hours per week until we hire a new custodian.
* 7-9 applications to review; an interview team will begin soon.
* Roialyn and Aspen are good fits in their new rolls.
* It’s been decided to keep office structure – Receptionist & Office Manager
* Employee Manual in the works.

**Finance** – Donna Kirkpatrick reported

* The ministries and committees have limited spending & stayed with-in budget.
* 2020 Budget requests; Children’s Ministry, Missions, Hospitality, Worship, and Trustees have been turned in.
* If no new requests are submitted then we will use the previous year budget.

**Hospitality** – Chris Wyatt was absent, but sent in notes to report.

* There will be a Soup Dinner at 5pm before Charge Conference. Thanks to Maggie.
* November 30th - we will decorate the Church for Christmas at 10am.
* Dec 8th - The Annual Christmas Dinner after worship.
* December 24 – Christmas Eve Services, after each, light refreshments, appreciate cookie donations.
* Pastor John reported new Live Nativity dates; December 20, 21, & 22 from 5-7:30. A break before Christmas Eve. Hoping to have live animals this year as well as live music. Shyrl will have live music.

**Worship** – Chris Wyatt was absent, details in the Hospitality report.

* The Sanctuary will be decorated in November in time for the 1st Sunday in December for Advent.

**Missions** – Larry Eyer reported

* Quarterly meetings, next meeting is in January.
* Selected Team Leaders at the last meeting.
* Bake Sale for Youth missions at the Christmas Market went well.
* Christmas Wreath Sale with the Walworth’s is almost underway, for Romania ministries.
* OCC packed over 1,400 boxes this year! Collection week is coming.
* Giving Tree coming up in December. It will be slightly different this year. Pick a tag off the tree, requested gift be brought back unwrapped. Gifts will be available for families and caregivers to select at a “Santa Shop” through KCR.
* The Ellington’s were in town recently taking care of family. They send their best. The India mission is going well and growing. David, has a snazzy haircut, is applying to go to school online.

**Trustees** – No report

**Information Technology** – No report

**Music Ministry** – Shyrl Kinert reported.

* No Christmas Concert this year.
* Planning a Kettle Caroling at Fred Meyer.
* Live music during the live nativity.
* Two Christmas Eve services – special music.

**Children’s Ministry/ Nursery** – Pastor John Weston reported

* Christmas play planning underway; the play will be during the worship service rather than in the Gym during the dinner.

**Youth Ministry** – Pastor John Weston reported

* Missions trip is coming up, fundraising efforts are underway.
* Monthly meet-ups and Mentor Sundays.

**Young Adults** – Pastor John reported.

* Trying to come up with ideas to get young adults together for a Bible study or something before Christmas.
* Considering doing an Alpha course after Christmas in 2020.

**Adult Discipleship** – Pastor John Weston reported

* Good turn-out for bible studies and Sunday school classes

**Hallowed Grounds Café** – No report

**Lay Leadership** - Pastor John Weston reported

* Excited about 2020
* Coordinating a CARE Team to help with some of those hospital visits and prayer needs.
* Pastor Discretionary Fund Committee to help with urgent expense requests.
* Committee Leaders will begin to train members for possible future leadership rolls.

**Severe Weather Shelter** – Larry Eyer reported

* This Sunday at 3pm in our Shelter, there will be an orientation with Maggie Stasny.

**Pastors Reported** – Pastor John Weston reported

* Sam Erwin passed away a couple days ago – a small service will be held soon.

Grant Bosshardt closed the meeting in prayer.

***The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2020.***

\*Motion

*Meeting minutes taken by Alissa Walters, alissa.sumc@gmail.com*