

## **Silverdale United Methodist Church**

Church Council Meeting Minutes | Wednesday, February 25, 2020 | 7:00pm

**PRESENT:** Maggie Stasny, Alan Hunt, Alissa Walters, Chris Wyatt, Donna Kirkpatrick, Shyrl Kinert, Shelli Walker, Sally & Grant Bosshardt, and Pastor John Weston.

**PRAYER & DEVOTION:** Grant Bosshardt opened the meeting at 7pm with prayer, a devotional from “Beside Still Waters” and an encouragement to Rejoice in the Lord, Trust in God and Need not be afraid. Romans 8:28, Habikuk 3:17-18

### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

One minor correction under Finance, remove the word ‘a’ in the first bullet point. Chris Wyatt motioned to accept the minutes, Donna Kirkpatrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried to approve the minutes with no further discussion.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Ministry Moments – Chris Wyatt reported
  - a. Adult Discipleship will be the March Ministry Moment. Chris will contact Fran Donaldson to coordinate with the office on that.
- B. Ken Koellemeier – No report, Larry Eyer was absent
- C. Debit Card proposal – Donna Kirkpatrick reported
  - a. Still researching the best credit card, it’s a lengthy process to acquire a credit card. No action from the Council at this time.
- D. **Associate Pator propasal**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Membership Secretary – Pastor John
  - This is an official role out of the UMC Book of Discipline; it’s someone who records and updates baptisms, births, deaths & transfers; separate from the historical committee.
  - A discussion about whether anyone within SUMC has ever held that official role. A conclusion is that the office has always taken care of the memberships, baptism, etc.
- b) Associate Pastor proposal – Pastor John reported
  - Considering adding an Associate Pastor to SUMC to avoid burning out Pastor John. Finance would need to put in an official line item to 2020 budget. Still needs to talk to Church Council and SPR to take any further action.
  - Dave Snapper had been asked to help as a pro-bono consultant in 2019 with Steve Twiss to help map out an effective pastoral strategy.
  - Please bring recommendation/ update of action to the next Church Council meeting.
- c) Debit Card Request – Donna reported
  - The office has online expenses requiring a debit or credit card to update and renew accounts. To make it easier that using a personal card and submitting a purchase authorization.
  - A discussion about getting a credit card with a set limit rather than setting a separate checking account with a debit card.
  - Donna will take action by looking into a credit card for the church office.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **Staff Parish Relations** – Shelli Walker reported
  - Working on custodial position needs. There have been applicants and working on other ideas about using Savannah in a bigger way within the custodial department.
  - A discussion about the 2020 budget to be increased to accommodate custodial needs and wage increase.
- b. **Finance** – Donna Kirkpatrick reported
  - There was nothing new to report - Finance did not a meet in January due to bad weather.

- The next Finance Meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 7pm in the Library.
  - Committee Chairs are highly encouraged to attend the next meeting to discuss the 2020 budget.
  - If no new budget requests are submitted to Finance, then the previous year budget will go in effect.
- c. Hospitality** – Chris Wyatt reported
- The Annual Christmas Dinner after worship was a success! 150 people attended after worship. The Children's Play was during the service this rather than dinner, making the format of the program easier to hear.
  - Live Nativity (December 20, 21, & 22 from 5:30-7), the tarp structure suffered rain damage so the structure was relocated under the covered area which worked out very well and the music was great! The youth will paint a background for the Nativity and keep the same simple set up next year.
  - Monthly VIP meals with Pastor John, Chris is recruiting people who will prepare the meal once on the last Sunday of the month, feed 8-10 people. Simple lunches.
  - Pastor Bob requested that some of the banners be hung in the Social Hall. 1<sup>st</sup> the Social Hall is going to be painted by the Trustees. Chris will check with Char Serra about which ones to use.
- d. Worship** – Chris Wyatt reported
- New attendance pad covers in the pews on Sunday. The red one's fell apart. Alissa and Chris ordered black ones, and ever pew upstairs will have a red book.
  - Emphasize people filling them out on Sundays!
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May will set up the Kings table. Need to confirm with Pastor John.
  - Brett talked about the thermostat not functioning properly due to being covered by a banner. Going to attempt relocating it lower or remove the banners under the projector screens to its balance.
- e. Missions** – Larry Eyer reported
- The Fox's will be here on February 16<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday service and after for a luncheon & presentation in Social Hall. They've been in the US on medical leave from Niger, Central Africa.
  - The Giving Tree: SUMC sponsored 25 kids. New format allowed families to shop/ select specific toys for kids.
  - Christmas Market: Chris reported on totals: \$4804 was raised for Missions, \$1017 Vendor Fees, \$1534 Twice Loved, \$1062 Kitchen, \$701 Youth Bake Sale, \$490 Wreath Sales, \$1800 Canned Goods Donations (\$900 to Philippine Medical+\$900 Ellington's). Becky, Susie & Chris were greeters. Fun, stress free, vendor door prizes. Next year we will advertise the FREE admission and DOOR PRIZES on the hour.
- f. Trustees** – Brett Hall reported
- In November, the trustees did an Accessibility Audit on the church. SUMC is not very welcoming to those with disabilities. Women's rest rooms don't currently meet the ABA standards. The men's bathroom barely meets the requirement. There should be enough space for a wheelchair to turn around in one stall per bathroom.
  - A hand railing will be installed on the stage stairs in the next several weeks to match alter railing.
  - Parking lot spaces will be repainted to meet ABA compliance. Converting 3 spaces in to 2 spaces with walking lines between and a sidewalk ramp. Required to have 1 HC spot per 25 regular spaces. May-June project.
  - Entrance doors need to be 36" wide, currently 34", so changes will be made soon.
  - Parsonage walk through: The house was painted over the summer. Weston's requested that a fireplace insert be installed to help heat the home. Water heater issues & may need replacing; waiting for update from Pastor.
  - Hanley has come out to look at the clay tile roof issues/ leak over the Narthex. Also looked at 206 Waiting for an estimate. Removing the covered area between the west wing and the sanctuary because the beams are deteriorating and it's not safe. We are hoping to make a possible insurance claim to pay for it.
  - Hoping to have a Saturday in April be a take care of the church day. Spruce up with inexpensive cosmetic improvements, new carpet, paints, window treatments, etc. Trustees will pay for the materials. All design ideas need to be submitted and approved by trustees – then the group will do as much of the work within their capabilities. Office will work on disseminating the projects and getting as much of the work done before Easter.
  - The Montessori would like to lease the flower shop if it ever becomes available.
- g. Information Technology** – No report
- h. Music Ministry** – Shyrl Kinert reported.
- We survived Christmas!

- We lost drummer & sound person, the Peeler's relocated churches.
  - Getting ready to recruit an Easter Choir.
  - Planning to find coverage for worship at the end of March when Shyrl, Caleb and the Weston's will be on the Philippines Medical Mission Trip with the youth.
- i. **Children's Ministry/ Nursery** – no report
- j. **Youth Ministry** – Pastor John Weston reported
- Close to raising 100% of funds needed for the March Philippines Mission Trip.
  - 5 Youth are participating in the Youth Adult Alpha Course. We are using the course as a confirmation class for membership, baptism or confession of faith. So far good momentum going.
- k. **Young Adults** – Pastor John reported.
- Alpha Course started at the beginning of January. Averaging about 6 Young adults each week.
  - Young Adults are leading the small groups. Going well.
  - Coordinated efforts from the Arcega, Afalla and Rosas families. Several young people who grew up in the church are team leaders. Childcare is provided for the duration of the course.
  - Funded through Pivot Northwest Grant.
- l. **Adult Discipleship** – No report
- m. **Hallowed Grounds Café** – Dennis Gregory reported
- Serving the average 100-110 meals each week with the same people coming back.
  - Due to the holidays & weather there weren't as many meals served.
- n. **Lay Leadership** - No report
- o. **Severe Weather Shelter** – Maggie Stasny reported
- The shelter has been open already 3 times for a total of 12 day so far this season, November – March 31.
  - 84 guests and 72 volunteers.
  - Have had toilet problems. A volunteer has helped 4 times to help remove clogs of baby wipes.
  - Hiring a plumber costs over \$700.
  - Bret suggested installing a shower to help guest clean themselves rather than using baby wipes. Maggie is providing a wash clothes and towel for those wanting a sponge bath.
- Clothing Closet** – Maggie Stasny reported
- 88 people in 3 weeks (30+ people per week on Tuesdays), not as many come on Wednesdays.
  - Pat Greer is doing an amazing job each Tuesday, people come just to see her.
- Food Banks** – Maggie Stasny reported
- Open 3 days per week, 234 people in 3 weeks have gotten bread, pastries and food from the Food Bank.
  - 5 ladies volunteer to keep it open on Thursdays in order to qualify for commodities & Safeway.
  - Cardboard is being found on the grounds by the, from people using it to sleep on or make signs. Should we consider putting a lock on the recycle bin?
- Pastors Report** – Pastor John Weston reported
- Pray for young adults as they journey through Alpha course, and Carlo who is jumping into a leadership role for Young Adult ministry.
  - We need to begin thinking about the future of the church and informing the congregation to make a vote to decided what is the best for the future of this church congregation.
  - General Conference is a 2 week meeting from May 5-15, 2020, discussing all of church business and upcoming protocol for an honorable direction and separation within the United Methodist Church.

Grant Bosshardt closed the meeting in prayer.

***The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, 2020.***

\*Motion

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