

Bedington United Methodist Church Council meeting
January 18, 2016

Present were Jerry Leishman, Mary Mills, Shelly Hinchman, Jan Adams, Beth Sandy, Nancy Deeds, Kyle Sandy, Forest Webb, Dana Phelps, Pastor Rudisill, Dee LaFaber, Rev Bowers, Vickie Elliott, Gail Carter and guests Doug Bond and Matt Cole. Representatives to the council from the trustees and SPRC have not yet been elected.

Jerry Leishman opened the meeting with prayer; Nancy Deeds shared a devotional.

Guests Doug Bond and Matt Cole shared information with the council regarding the local Boy Scout program and inquired about the church's interest in being a charter sponsor for a scout group. Several suggestions for gauging interest within the congregation were discussed including an e-mail blast, a note in the bulletin and a post on the church's Facebook page.

The November council meeting minutes were reviewed and approved following a motion by Kyle Sandy and a second by Forest Webb.

Old Business:

- The trustees have been tasked with completing the railing installation at the front of the church as well as finding a resolution to the crack that was discovered at the base of the steeple (that is allowing bats back in). Jerry will attend their next meeting.
- The ramp project at the OP is nearly complete- the only task remaining is the installation of the handrail. Concern was expressed about the possible 'slippery-ness' of the ramp during bad weather.
- The Homecoming celebration in the fall was replaced by the junior youth event and the Sunday School reception.

New business:

- New council members were introduced.
- Discussion of where the Christmas Eve offering would be given. This was referred to the missions committee for resolution; missions committee will also be asked to provide a recommendation for disposition of the 2016 Christmas Eve offering.
- The schedule of remaining pancake breakfasts was reviewed- the final two are set for February 6 and March 5.
- Council reviewed the 2016 calendar and added/ clarified dates for the junior youth back-to-school event, the hanging of the greens, Christmas caroling in the community and spaghetti suppers. The dates for the church council meetings for April, May and June were moved
- Vickie Elliott shared the proposed schedule for the 2016 Apples of Gold program.
- Budget approval discussion was deferred because Steve Hose was not in attendance at the meeting.
- Approval of staff salaries was tabled pending staff-parish committee recommendations.
- Care ministry report was given- final 2015 statement will be shared at a later date.

Vickie Elliott closed the meeting with prayer.
The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter