

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting

23 May, 2016

Present were Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Pastor John, Beth Sandy, Shelly Hinchman, Kyle Sandy, Teresa Janniney, Dana Phelps, Walter Bowers, Jan Adams and Gail Carter.

Steve Hose called the meeting to order with a quorum. Pastor John opened with prayer. The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

- On behalf of the trustees, Kyle reported that the railing at the front of the church and work on the steeple are projects scheduled for the trustee's work day, June 18. He advised that the new stove has been installed- now the back splash on the wall just needs to be extended to meet the back of the stove. The group searching for historic artifacts has had one excursion on church property; the lease for farming the land behind the church is on hold pending contact with Butch Catrow. The ramp to the OP is nearly complete with two tasks remaining: painting and removal of the old concrete.
- Lorelee will put together back-up contact information for those instances when staff or congregation are out of town or unavailable.
- Fire escape route signage has been posted and a map for such is in process. There are currently (8) fire extinguishers in the church- placards will be posted at each location.

New Business:

- Jan inquired whether someone might assume responsibility for the upkeep the appearance of the small garden at the entrance of the church. A notice asking for volunteers(s) will be posted in the bulletin with a follow-up at the next council meeting.
- Jan also shared a color newsletter from another church and asked for the group's input about producing such a letter at BUMC. The group discussed bulk mailing rates, the cost to print a document of this type and the possibility of emailing the newsletter to members of the congregation who want to receive it electronically (while still having paper copies available for those wishing to have one). Kyle moved that a cost comparison for printing and mailing the newsletter versus postage savings by producing the newsletter electronically and mailing fewer printed copies be done. Jan seconded the motion and it carried. Pastor John will follow up with Lorelee to obtain this information.
- The sign-up sheet to paint the parsonage has been posted. The trustees will provide all materials and anyone wishing to help need only contact Kyle after June 12. Dana will contact Vickie Elliott about cleaning the carpets in the parsonage, otherwise the trustees will take care of this task.
- Ideas on how to make people visiting the church feel welcome (by giving them a pie, bread, etc.) were discussed. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting pending input from Pastor Summers.
- The topic of lawn care at the parsonage was discussed. Alfred will be asked to assume lawn care responsibilities until Pastor Summers moves in. Teresa will email Pastor Summers to inquire whether he needs to have a push mower purchased. Pastor John moved to refer this issue back to the trustees, Teresa seconded the motion and it carried.
- Two vacancies on the SPRC were discussed- the nominations committee will be contacting individuals in the congregation to fill these slots.

Dana moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kyle seconded the motion and it carried. Walter closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter