

## **Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting**

27 June, 2016

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott, Beth Sandy, Kyle Sandy, Dana Phelps, Dee Lafaber and Gail Carter.

Jerry called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott opened with prayer. The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction- Ashley Sandy was appointed to serve on the SPRC by Pastor John.

### **Old Business:**

- Jerry offered his thanks to all of the members of the congregation who worked at the parsonage painting and cleaning in preparation for Pastor Scott's arrival.
- The trustees will be completing the railing on the front porch soon- no falls have been reported since orange cones were put in place. Trustees also report that the final inspection has been completed on both ramps and the steeple and the floor at the church's entrance have been repaired. Additionally, the part needed to repair the refrigerator has been ordered.
- Jerry reviewed his concerns about having back-up contacts in the event that someone on staff is unavailable. Pastor Scott volunteered to monitor the answering machine for messages or prayer requests during those times when Loralee is out of town.
- There was discussion about the length of time that names remain on the prayer list in the bulletin. Gail Boarman moved that names be placed on the list by request and remain on the list for three months. After that time, a request to retain that name on the list would need to be submitted. Steve seconded the motion and it carried.

### **New Business:**

- There was discussion about how the church welcomes visitors. Pastor Scott indicated that he reaches out to visitors using the information from the attendance pads. Steve moved that the nominations committee be asked to create a list of people to be part of a welcoming team and to report back to the council with recommendations. Kyle seconded the motion and it carried. Jerry will work with on the details with Pastor Scott and Joe Gift.
- There was also discussion about having 'pew captains', i.e. members of the congregation who would check in with folks who typically sit in that same pew if they haven't been in church for a while.
- Trey Cole will be giving up his role as the church's bookkeeper, He is willing to remain in this position until the end of the year but would prefer that a replacement be found as soon as possible. A notice will be put in the bulletin asking for a volunteer to assume this task. The church's financial status was also reviewed with a discussion about ways to increase giving.
- The role of the Unity Committee was discussed and it was proposed that the chairman of this group be invited to join the church council meetings. This proposal will be turned over to the nominations committee. Pastor Scott indicated that he will set up a meeting with the committee to solicit ideas and help with various events.
- The role of the education coordinator was reviewed- this position monitors Junior Youth, Roots, Children's Church, Nursery and Sunday School classes. Beth presented a motion that was seconded by Dana asking that the adult Sunday School classes give their curriculum orders directly to Loralee. The motion carried. Steve made a motion to ask the nominating committee to recruit a co-chair to serve with Dana in Junior Youth. Kyle seconded the motion and it carried.

Dana closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Gail Carter