

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting

18 July, 2016

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott, Beth Sandy, Kyle Sandy, Dana Phelps, Dee Lafaber, Mary Mills, Pastor Walter, Joe Gift, Teresa Jaininney and Gail Carter.

Jerry called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott opened with prayer. The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved. Jerry welcomed Joe Gift to the meeting as a representative from the nominations committee.

Old Business:

- Follow-up regarding material orders for Sunday School- Lorelee will obtain a count from the adult classes for how many books and teacher's manuals are needed.
- Per the trustees, completion of the railing on the front porch is on hold.
- Installation of the back splash behind the stove is pending.
- Pastor Scott followed up the June discussion about reaching out to visitors that worship with us on Sundays. It was decided that Pastor Scott and Joe would work together on this task, starting with a notice in the bulletin asking for volunteers willing to contact visitors with a phone call, card or other gesture (baked goods, etc.)

New Business:

- VBS is almost here. Details to be buttoned up include snacks and clarification of the location of the sign-up sheet for those wishing to donate food for the VBS workers. The teens will likely be doing a service project in lieu of doing a skit for the closing program. There will be a combined worship service the Sunday following VBS with a picnic to follow. The Unity committee will help with picnic set up and tear down.
- August 14 has been tentatively chosen as the date when the missions team will share their experiences from Henderson during worship. Jerry will coordinate this with Forest and Denia.
- The nominating committee has been asked to find a Junior Youth coordinator- Dana will serve as Junior Youth assistant.
- Ideas for evangelism in the community were discussed. Having a presence at events such as festivals and fairs, doing a free car wash and possibly giving out bottles of water or small plants were a few of the suggestions that were shared. Steve moved that the nominating committee appoint 4-6 members of the congregation to work with Ginette to generate ideas to promote the church in the community, perhaps one every quarter. The chair of this team would be invited to participate in church council meetings. Kyle seconded the motion and it carried.
- Walter will research the United Methodist cluster's hours at the Youth Fair and make an announcement about those hours during worship- this will be an opportunity for our church to reach a large number of people. Dana moved that the church spend up to \$250 on the Youth Fair outreach by printing business cards with the church's contact information and ordering candy that could be given to visitors at the fair. Steve seconded the motion and it carried.
- Offering a financial management class for members of the church (possibly this fall or in the spring of 2017) was discussed. Steve moved that the teacher's guide to Ramsey's financial management class be ordered. Beth seconded the motion and it carried.
- The mowing of the yard at the parsonage was discussed- Pastor Scott and Alfred will work out these details.

Walter closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter