

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting

15 August, 2016

Present were Jerry Leishman, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Pastor Scott, Dana Phelps, Dee Lafaber, Lori Turner, Shelly Hinchman, Forest Webb, Jan Adams, Teresa Jaininney and Gail Carter.

Jerry called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Steve Hose and a second by Dana Phelps.

Old Business:

- There are five members of the congregation that have expressed an interest in serving on the welcome committee to Pastor Scott- first meeting date to be determined.
- Per the trustees, completion of the railing on the front porch and the back splash for the stove are on hold.
- VBS feedback was positive- the canned food drive was a success and it was a good opportunity for the pastor to get to know some of the youth.
- The church's financial status was discussed- Steve Hose shared information regarding fixed expenses and current levels of giving.

New Business:

- Jerry reported that about 150 bags of candy and 'God's Love is Free' business cards with the church's contact information were handed out at the Youth Fair. There are still a number of cards remaining- it was suggested that some of them be given to the youth to distribute.
- Dana reported that the organizers of the Back-to-School bash considered the event a success (even though the inflatables that were reserved for the bash didn't show up).
- The missions committee has scheduled (6) pancake breakfasts for 2016-2017. They will start October 1 and be held the first Saturday of each month through March, 2017.
- Beth Sandy will assume leadership of Junior Youth and Dana will be Junior Youth assistant. Beth's new role means that she will be scaling back her duties as education coordinator- Jerry will contact Joe Gift to work with the nominating committee to find a childrens' Sunday School coordinator.
- Pastor Scott will follow-up with Joe on the search for a new treasurer and to find additional members of the congregation willing to serve on the evangelism team with Ginette Dell .
- The Hope, Healing and Love conference has been scheduled for November 11, 12 and 13. Look for more information in the coming weeks.
- A financial management class will begin on October 2 and run for 9 weeks using material by Dave Ramsey. Tentatively scheduled on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30, the class will cost approximately \$100.
- Dana will be asking Sunday School classes to help with the Harvest Party scheduled for October 30. Activities scheduled include an obstacle course, a pumpkin patch and a hay ride- the party will be coordinated with Trunk or Treat.

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- Vickie Elliott will be starting a class geared toward those newer to the Christian faith- having it during Sunday School would allow interested families to bring their children who would then attend their own Sunday School class. Suggestions for the name of the class included New Beginnings and Christianity 101. Vickie already has the materials- tentative start date is sometime in September.

Dana closed the meeting with prayer. The next meeting will be September 19.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter