

Bedington United Methodist Church Council Meeting - 21 August, 2017

Present were Jerry Leishman, Gail Boarman, Lori Turner, Shelly Hinchman, Pastor Scott Summers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Forest Webb, Vickie Elliott, Kyle Sandy and Gail Carter.

Jerry opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- The Readiness 360 survey has been completed- results will be shared on September 16 starting at 8:30.
- The Haiti children's choir will sing at both worship services on September 10 and at War Memorial Park at 4:00 that same day.
- The church's insurance policy has been reviewed- Kyle will reach out to one more company for quotes..
- Pastor Scott shared a number areas where the church's program quality could be enhanced including developing a mission statement/ vision statement, implementing greeter training and creating a Sunday School class for members new to the faith (or those wishing to enhance their knowledge of Christianity).
- The teen Sunday School class will be taught by a rotating group of teachers.

New business:

- The meeting format for church council will be restructured going forward: each committee chair will have an opportunity to share any news/ information about their group. A motion was passed to implement this change starting with the September meeting. Lorelee will send an email to committee chairs asking that they prepare a summary to present at the next meeting.
- A motion was passed to adopt a new mission statement for the church. The new mission statement is as follows: "***To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***"
- The 2017 Hope, Healing and Love event is slated for October 27, 28 and 29- speakers are being lined up now. The Sunday event will feature two speakers this year.
- The back-to-school evangelism outreach event passing out pencils and church flyers was successful- a number of households were reached and we were able to pray with some of the individuals contacted.
- Pancake breakfasts will resume on October 7. They will be held the first Saturday of each month through March, 2018 to benefit the missions group.
- Lori shared the SPRC's recommendation that the pastor be given a 3% increase- motion to approve passed pending the finance committee's approval. SPRC has also scheduled an ice cream social on September 22 as an opportunity for both worship services to spend time together.
- Pastor Scott is looking for input on how to energize the second worship service- suggestions are welcome.

Vickie closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Carter