

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC
August 18, 2014

The following members present – Chair – Jerry Leishman, Pastor John Rudisill, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Steve Hose, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Dee LaFaber, Peg Adams, Forest Webb, Steve Joswick, Beth Sandy, Dana Phelps, Kathleen Wright.

Prayer:

Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Hose motioned minutes be approved as written, 2nd by Forest Webb. All agreed motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Follow-up on progress on bat removal (then gutter install) Follow-up on progress of concrete work on front of church:** Steve Joswick gave an update on both bat removal and guttering. The bat removal process began on August 4, 2014. They closed up the entrances so they can get out but not back in, and they will wait till August 25, 2014 to remove the guano (waste). It was asked if they will monitor after the removal, they will return every 30 days for the next 90 days to check on things, and it is guaranteed for 1 year. The reason they wait 3 weeks after they close things up is that is the approximate time it takes for the baby bats to be able to fly, so pray fully all will be out, once all is done they seal things up. It was suggested that since caulk can crack would it help since it is relatively inexpensive to leave a light on up there to help discourage the bats, and change our vents because they are like a bat house. It was also noted that when we left the lamp on in the narthex that the bats didn't come to that area because the heat helps keep them at bay. We will also check into what a yearly maintenance contract would be, at this time though Jerry Leishman feels we have this contract for a year and monthly visits for the next 90 days let's see what it is after this time and revisit the issue. The gutter installation is holding up the concrete work at this time, but the guttering should be completed in the next 2 weeks. Therefore there is no set date for the concrete work and also weather will play into when the work can get started and finished, but the Trustees will be following up on this in their next meeting.
- **Follow-up on “welcome” packets:** Dana Phelps and Jerry Leishman reported they will continue to work on them at this time they need to be stream-lined (ex. Give websites instead of all the names and numbers of Schools).
- **Follow-up on final plans to change service times on Sunday mornings:** We received about a dozen surveys back and there was a general concerns but nothing really specific. There was an issue brought up about the counters and how that would be handled, this will be addressed in the next finance committee meeting. There was also brought up that one of the choir members had a strong opposition to the change, and that they may not be in choir. This matter will be addressed. It was also brought up that at this time we do not have the options for 2nd service to go to Sunday School and this time change would give them the opportunity to go. Success of the change would also allow some who now go to 1st service because of Sunday School who really might want to go to 2nd to do so now. It was also brought up that does it seem that 2nd service might be slanted too much to a younger group, and it was answered that it has stretched them and it is a good thing. It was also brought up that some of the youth who attend Sunday School would like to join the Praise Band, but it was not encouraged because Sunday School should take precedents, with the Service change they would now be allowed to pursue joining the Praise Band. Another benefit of the change would be that right now the Praise Band is coming in as 1st service is leaving, and trying to set up, with the change there would be a gap and no one would be in the Sanctuary so they could set up without them interrupting them or vice versa. It would also help with parking. Granted it could also change and become a problem, but that would be a good thing because it would mean we have more attendance. It was also mentioned that for Pastor John it would allow him to join in Sunday School, and give him a break in between services. We are moving in the direction of doing announcements 5 minutes before service, and service in one hour. Pastor John moved we change service times on August 31, 2014 and be reviewed in the January 2015 Church Council meeting, 2nd by Steve Hose, all agreed motion carried.
- **Follow-up on Lay Witness Mission Plans:** There is \$412.35 in the Evangelism budget, and Pastor Walter Bowers is leading the Lay Witness Weekend. It was reported that we have 25 team members coming and homes for them. We also have something in print about our weekend. Missions has also committed to help

financially with the weekend. We have 9 to 10 home groups, these are designed to invite people who aren't in Church as well as those who attend to have a small group. There will also be discussions in the adult Sunday School Classes which the Lay Witness members will lead. Pastor John has asked the UMW as part of a stimulate people by calling people. The UMW will meet and each person bring their cell phones and make a short call letting them know what the Lay Witness is all about and save the date. Then make a 2nd call to please come and 3rd one to say are you coming, so we can get an idea of how much food we need. Pastor John asked the Council if we could do one of these calls and the other two made by UMW. We will make the first call in September, second in mid-October, and the third about a week before. It was agreed to the above we will have a contact list to use for who to call. If there are any questions about the Lay Witness you can contact Walter Bowers.

New Business:

- **Toni is giving up Treasurer position-- do we have a definite date? Have others been asked to take position? Volunteer or change to a paid position?** Toni Sigler is retiring as Treasurer thank you Toni for all you have done we appreciate all you've done. Steve Hose reported at this time our books still need to be done and we have no one for Treasurer. There was one name suggested and that person will be contacted, otherwise we may have to seek a company to do our books. We also discussed that maybe we could pay whomever does take over the books and Treasurer position. If the person that was recommend or anyone else does not take the position SPRC will need to get involved. Steve also reported he spoke with the attorney concerning the Parsonage, and it is better if we leave the deeds alone, we are in compliance with the all the tax agencies.
- **"40 Days of Love" to start in September:** The books have been ordered they should arrive the end of this week or beginning of next week. The option of doing the 40 Days of Love in adult Sunday School classes, and we have enough DVD players to accommodate the classes. For those who are doing it at their homes they will be called a Host, we are praying for at least 12. We will also have an option of a daytime group. After we get the Hosts we will get the times and day they wish to meet, as well as the place. We will then have sign-up sheets for people and each group should be approximately 8 to 10 people.
- **Other New Business:** Charge Conference will be held at BUMC on Saturday October 25th at 10:30 A.M. . Dana Phelps reported Harvest Party will be held on November 2nd, and Mary Clemons and Dana have plenty of ideas and things already in place for a wonderful evening. Costumes will be optional and Trunk or Treat was really a hit last year and they would like to do it again. Steve Hose said that his daughter Laykn asked if we could video tape our sermons and web cast them so people like Laykn who aren't able or maybe shut in and have access to internet could still be involved in Church. It was asked about the cost which would be minimal and it was also suggested we use Skype at first, but we do need to check into copyright issues for music etc. This will be checked into and there were no other objections Steve will work on this and try it soon. It was noted to with Skype we could actually say a greeting or something.

No more business Jerry Leishman called the meeting to a close. Dana Phelps closed in Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen E. Wright
Secretary