Minutes for the Church Council – Bedington UMC February 17, 2014

The following members present: Chair – Jerry Leishman, Pastor Rudisill, Pastor Bowers, Steve Hose, Jan Adams, Nancy Deeds, Teresa Jainniney, Dana Phelps, Forest Webb, Glenn Miller, Loralee Miller, Butch Catrow, Beth Sandy, Kathleen Wright.

Dana Phelps opened with prayer. Jerry Leishman read a devotion about Hebrews 3:1-14, about fixing our eyes on Jesus not about what is going on in our lives.

Dana Phelps will also be representing Jr. Youth at the Council.

Approve Minutes of Prior Council Meeting:

Minutes read and Steve Hose brought a concern about certain wording in the last minutes that someone had brought to him. The issue was discussed and it was said that each committee should maintain as accurate as possible records so that if something reported to have been said in one committee and is restated in another it can be verified. The concern was stated and Steve Hose did the right thing to bring it to the Councils attention, but it was felt it should be taken up at the next SPRC Committee meeting if there were any further concerns. Otherwise Forest Webb and Teresa Jainniney felt it was ridiculous and Dana Phelps stated that the minutes reflected what was stated at the last Council meeting. So therefore Jan Adams motioned the minutes stand as read 2nd by Forest Webb, all agreed motion carried.

Previous Council Meeting Follow- Ups:

The letters that needed to be motorized and signed have been done. The money has not been physically transferred at this point due to illness in Shannon Keefer's family, but it will be done very soon. The money though has been set aside and marked appropriately.

SPRC Motion on Incentive Program:

The incentive programs motion to cancel was approved. The Bonus Program, no recommendation has been made at this point. Teresa Jainniney reported that there committee will now be meeting every month, they will also be calling people who have been missing in Church to welcome them back. Also Al Shaver made a good point at their meeting, that people might hear the names of SPRC members but not know the faces. This resulted in Pastor John explaining the incentive program results as well as introducing committee members, and have them stand in Church this past Sunday. Teresa reported that Pastor John did a very nice job. It was also reported they will also have a contact sheet coming out. It was further reported that the Bonus program will be revisited in there March 10th meeting, and the SRC will develop a further recommendation at that time.

<u>Trustees Explanation of Intended Use of Transferred Funds:</u>

Butch Catrow reported that they budgeted \$7,300.00 to fix the ceiling in the Sanctuary, Glenn Miller has given us a price of \$2,480.00 thank you Glenn. The budgeted amount for painting was \$7,000.00 we were given two estimates one was \$4,695.00 and one was \$4,550.00 we have accepted the later bid. It was also reported the sky light will be repaired, and the projector hook- up will be done. It was also reported to paint the windows, re-glaze them, and paint the outside will be \$3,000.00. Jan Adams asked if in the painting will the narthex and vestibule be painted, it was reported both will be done along with the stairway leading down to Sunday School rooms. Jan also asked to be notified before painting began so that she and the Altar Guild could remove all items in the window. Butch reported that they will notify her and when it is done it will be done during the week so as to be done on Sunday. Steve Joswick has repaired the two upstairs ceilings. The approximate start date for the painting is approximately 3 weeks out (the end of March). The front ramp repair estimate is in the works, and Pastor John asked for a more detailed report on what is going to be done. Glenn Miller has sketched up a drawing, and explained that the ramp has a northern exposure and that the steeple blocks the sunlight, this being said Glenn would like to remove all old concrete and recreate the existing ramp under ADA Guidelines. He would also add a ramp from the parking lot and remove the top two courses of brick so no brick would be showing this would allow the moisture to wick away. Steps would also be removed and rebuilt with the rise decreased and the steps increased to Commercial Guidelines. A new sidewalk would be made, and all the new ramps would have grasp rails. The whole front area would be renovated to have better drainage (drains made to run off the curbs to a drain area not just down into the pavement or parking lot). With that said whomever would plow snow would have to be made sure to put snow in these drainage areas. Glenn's plan leaves a small area for shrubbery. Forest Webb mentioned at this time that someone asked about the walkway from the OP to the Church, and at this time the Trustees are considering changing some of the traffic patterns to the parking lot so the walkway will have to be considered. Jan Adams asked about the steps into the OP, at this time that has not been discussed. The Sonic system to repel the bats is in place and the spouting has been done around the steeple.

Website Where Are We:

Steve Hose has everything in done however our domain name is under Rodney Emery so as soon as he releases it we can start the website, if it is not released we cannot use our domain name until 2015. Steve has contacted Rodney and it is in the works. Steve did receive a check from Tony Sigler to open it. He also reported there is no size limit on what can be put on the site.

Vision Statement:

Forest Webb modified our mission statement per our last council meeting, he divided it up into

3 parts listed below:

Vision

Our vision is growing membership in God's heavenly kingdom through church growth and outreach.

Mission

Our mission is to seek out and welcome all to learn about the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by providing a place for growth of worship and fellowship.

Values

Our values are to provide the gospel of Jesus Christ to all: to be accepting of persons regardless of their race, color, status, appearance or physical challenge. To always be positive in our dealings with others; welcoming all to share in our worship service and membership; and providing for the needs of our community.

Pastor John suggested Forest email this to the Council members and that this be included in the minutes, so that everyone look these over and discuss it in the next meeting. All agreed.

New Business New Computer for Church & Other:

The Church needs a new computer since our XP operating system won't be supported soon, and the fact we have not had a new computer in a number of years, it is old. Loralee Miller our Church Secretary would need to be the lead on this since she is the one to use it the most. Loralee also reported she was under the impression that the Directory Committee needed this too. Kathleen Wright reported that the current operating system could be used but if we could get the new computer it would be a lot easier so that we wouldn't have to transfer all that is done (it could be done all at one time). Dana Phelps also stated that there are a lot of programs that won't be supported and if we increase windows that the computer would have to have enough ram space and basically it would be a domino effect of replace that so this would now need to be replaced, and therefore cost effectively it would be better to replace the computer. Loralee reported that the laptop in the Sanctuary is windows 7 and should be alright. We need to expedite this to Trustees to get a computer up to \$500.00. It is also recommended we get Mark Rudisill along with Loralee Miller to do this. Dana Phelps recommended that the Council go ahead with the decision. Forest Webb motioned that the Council do Dana's recommendation 2nd by Jan Adams. We discussed the motion as to whether or not we put a cap on the amount, which we hate to do. Loralee Miller will contact Mark Rudisill with the Church needs and the Directory Committee needs. Forest Webb amended the first motion and that it read the computer should not exceeded \$750.00 and if it does exceeded that amount it will have to come back to the Council for approval. Jan Adams 2nd all agreed motion carried. Dana Phelps wants to know when the audit will be done. Steve Hose reported at this time there is no one available to do it, and someone will have to be found. Two of our previous people who have done it in the past cannot do it due to a conflict of interest. Dana Phelps also wanted to know about the donation the UMW made for the repair of the organ. Butch Catrow reported that the organ speakers have been ordered. Jan Adams asked about the lighting in the Sanctuary and especially the Choir section it is very dark. That has not been yet discussed. Jan also asked about the altar it needs a new piece of plexy glass and she also asked if plexy glass can be put in the windows. The Plexiglas has been approved and will be installed, and the windows will be done too. The neighbors house with the antenna was a big misunderstanding. But the Trustees have talked about taking the antenna down, and the next work day it will be done. Dana Phelps reported the Teddy Bear Picnic had a great turn out appropriately 9 or 10 kids, and even Pastor Bowers came with his teddy bear. Glenn Miller reported the Card Board Sled derby all is underway and under control. A lot of permission slips have been given out.

No more business meeting adjourned. Pastor Bowers closed us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen E. Wright Recording Secretary