

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC
January 19, 2015

The following members present: Jerry Leishman – Chair, Pastor John Rudisill, Alfred Schuech, Gail Boarman, Nancy Deeds, Steve Hose, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Beth Sandy, Forest Webb, Kyle Sandy, Dana Phelps, Trey Cole, Jan Adams, Teresa Janniney.

Prayer: Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Steve Hose motioned that minutes be approved as written 2nd by Forest Webb, all agreed motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Follow-up Bat Removal:** Alfred Schuech reported that a technician from Wildlife Pro's had come in to check in and found that there were no more holes for bats to enter, but that above the Narthex where the lights were need some more waste removal to be done. Alfred will call to set up an appointment time for removal.
- **Follow-up on Uncompleted Projects form 2014:** Kyle Sandy reported that the steps in front of the church (concrete work) will be done in the spring. If it is done around Easter time it will be completed before Easter Services. Back doors and the roof will be done in the spring during a work day. Hopefully there will be at least 2 work days this year.
- **Follow-up “Welcome Packets”:** Dana Phelps reported that at this time the packets are still about the same as last meeting. Dana's schedule at this time is very busy and if she could have some help with the input of the information into the computer under a Micro-Soft document the library has a computer program that can format into a tri-fold. Forest Webb said he would do the input and work with Dana to get the packets complete. Thank you Dana and Forest.
- **Update on Finances – Trey Cole/ Steve Hose:** Steve Hose reported that out of the \$30,000.00 to be transferred only \$12,000.00 had been transferred the remaining \$18,000.00 has not been. The \$12,000.00 was used for the Narthex repairs and painting. The \$18,000.00 which was thought to have been spent out of budget has not been and it will be taken care of in there next Finance Committee meeting next Wednesday. Trey Cole and Steve Hose reported that the numbers seem to now be accurate, and that the \$4.00 bank fee mentioned in the previous minutes is due to check imaging fees. If e-banking is used that would be eliminated, Trey Cole will see if we can now have e-banking with those committees who are receiving that fee. Our budget will be presented in our February Church Council meeting. At this point our budget in 2013 was approximately \$30,000.00 higher than 2014 due to church renovations, and in 2014 our revenue was down approximately \$9,000.00. Steve Hose has asked if any Committees have a request for budget items to please let him know by next Tuesday for there Wednesday Finance Committee meeting and the above mentioned will be looked into more thoroughly. Trey Cole asked Alfred Schuech about the Crossroads account, could he get a receipt and put in a voucher for that account from now on to help with the payment of the account. Also Alfred has a Lowes card to purchase supplies and could that just also have receipt attached to a voucher please. This is not only to help Trey out but the heads of the various committees to know where there money (line item) going to and to help the Finance Committee to make up our annual budget. Alfred will do this from now on thank you.
- **2015 Goals – per committee:** Dana Phelps reported the United Methodist Women (UMW) 2014 positives –There quilting ministry and there funeral meals. 2014 negatives – Lack of membership. 2015 goals – work on membership with a personal invitation. Dana Phelps also reported on the Junior Youth Group 2014 positives – Harvest Party and not having the pool party but having an picnic fun event at the church. 2014 negatives – Easter Egg Hunt. 2015 goals – Decide whether or not have the East Egg event since now it is more a church event than a community due to the fact we cannot advertise it the way we use too (not as much community support). Freeda Bowers reported the Care Ministry for 2014 God is amazing and the \$17,000.00 spent to help people both inside and outside our church, with repairs or bills whatever the need, was given back to the ministry to help others. 2015 goal to continue there work, Praise God! Forest Webb reported the United Methodist Men (UMM) 2014 positives – Raised \$6,117.42 through fund raising such as Spaghetti Suppers, Children Church Pennies offering and donations. This provided support to various programs in the Church such as BUMC Food Pantry, Mission trip for Wesley Phelps and Henderson, Kidz Power Pacs just to name a few. Also assistance of the UMM members to the Care Ministry and the Food Pantry. 2015 goals – encourage new and younger members to join in order to continue the charitable work done by UMM. Forest Webb reported for the Food Pantry 2014 positives – They were able to provide food and hygiene products to the rising number of families in need who inquired about the ministry and qualified to receive assistance. The year begun helping approximately 12 families and ended this year helping 24 families. Monetary donations from the Church and other ministries within the church as well as contribution of food and others items has allowed this ministry to serve and continue to serve the needs in the community. Also in November they not only provided the “clients” with there usual monthly items but they were also able to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal. 2015 goals – To continue to keep there doors open to needy families, and should the funds deplete to risings number of people request assistance, they will once again reach out to other ministries for support and begin fundraisers within the church. Forest Webb reported for the Missions Committee 2014 positives – Missions still remains independent in financing from the church budget. The year started with a balance of \$2,714.00 and ended with a balance of \$1,704.20. Missions received \$14,224.95 from fund raising and fees and donations. They dispersed \$15,215.50 to support their programs, such as mission trips both the individual and the Henderson trip, their monthly mission banks, towels and blankets to Henderson Settlement, Rescue Mission, and the Burlington Childrens Home etc.. Working in conjunction with the Care Ministry to provide help to people who needed repairs in there homes, similar to our projects performed on mission trips. Also working with other Ministries in the church supporting Kidz Power Pacs program to provide weekend and summer assistance for 10 children a year. Also assistance is provided to Bedington Food Pantry and assistance is provided to maintaining the Church Kitchen Supplies in order to provide for the needs for the various functions within the Church. 2015 goals – To encourage the congregation to participate in programs such as collection of labels for supporting education at the Henderson Settlement: Participate in Hospice of the Panhandle fund raising events: No longer participate in the Jeremiah Project and focus efforts to get youth more involved with Henderson Settlement mission trip. And in that trip have a more focus on faith such as morning prayer at work sited and debriefs on how the project demonstrates Christian Love; Providing materials to encourage donations to monthly mission banks and encourage more participation of the congregation in our fund raising events to fund mission trips; Encourage members to participate in our assistance to Care Ministry. Forest Webb reported on the Church Kitchen 2014 positives – A kitchen supply list was created in order to maintain supplies needed for church functions and Sunday coffee. Materials in kitchen and storage area were streamlined to reduce clutter. 2015 goals – Establish kitchen rules such as take it out put it back, make dirty clean it and launder dish cloth that you use and return them to the kitchen. Also do not place leftover food in the refrigerator that you do not intend to use. Beth Sandy reported on Sunday School 2014 positives – Exceeded her exceptions on how everyone for the “Walk with Jesus” program came out to help and support. 2014 negatives – There was minimal youth Sunday School growth in the 1st thru 5th grade range. 2015 goals – “Walk with Jesus” event make it more of a community event and the church congregation have more of a role as participants and behind the scenes. And prepare for new growth in the above mentioned range due to this event. Kyle Sandy reported for the Youth Group #FLEGWOTS, 2014 positives – The increased number of youth attending no less than 8 and up to 15 youth. Also there is now a nice core group of youth. 2015 goals – Do more things such a maybe a retreat either in the church or a one day retreat somewhere. Keep the core group of youth coming and growing. Teresa Janniney reported for Staff Parish Relations Committee 2014 positives – Showing appreciation to the staff and communications with the church congregation. 2015 goals – Continue staff appreciation and continue to build on the communications with the congregation. Also increase the church membership and have 1 or 2 events a year to help

with that they will communicate with Unity committee. Steve Hose reported for the Finance Committee 2015 goals – To get the Budget complete and the Vouchers policies and procedures made known to all committees. Establish a Stewardship Committee. Jan Adams reported for the Altar Guild 2014 positives – Went from 5 teams to 6 teams, kneeling bench was made by Don Bare Thank you Don, there are 3 new wedding banner, 8 to 10 banners given in memorial, 4 canvases made for the back of the church, plexy glass was placed in the window sills to keep paint from being chipped, also a new piece of plexy glass was put on the Altar. Also our new special services such as the Pentecost, All Saints day etc. 2015 goals – To make memorial plaques made for the various items received by the Altar Guild. Help with bathroom project in the Old Parsonage. Nancy Deeds our Church Historian reported 2014 positives – Pictures of pastors, organists, etc. in hallway. Moved the library, tried to organize & turned it over to Linda Kohler. Power-point presentation of weddings at Bedington. Video older couples who have been in the church since birth. 2015 goals – Would like to continue finding pictures of past pastors. Continue video older members and do some kind of program with them. Inventory and update all furniture or whatever that has been given to the church. Work on finding out about people on the stain glass windows in sanctuary.

New Business:

- **Vouchers:** It was emphasized anyone requesting reimbursement for expenditures made for church business will need to use a reimbursement voucher. There are vouchers available both in paper (from the mailbox in the library) and on the church web site. These are critical, so that the Treasurer will know which categories are to be charged for those expenditures. There are expenditures for 2014 that remain in the “miscellaneous” category because the Treasurer was unsure which budget category should be charged. It is critical to provide this information, so that the Treasurer will not have to take unnecessary time attempting to determine this information!
- **2015 Budget:** The Finance Committee is meeting next Wednesday January 28th to review , work on, and finalize 2015's budget. It will be brought to February's Church Council meeting and discussed.
- **Trustees to vote for co-chair to attend Church Council meetings:** Not discussed will be brought up again at February's Church Council.
- **Template for Placemats:** Dana Phelps will see if she can find them if not she will redo them. Thank you Dana.
- **Other New Business:** Beth Sandy when discussing the “Walk with Jesus” ministry talked about advertising the event, one way was a billboard. Beth's committee is meeting on Monday January 26th if they could get some figures of what they might need and bring it to Thursday's Finance committee meeting it could be discussed there, also Pastor John mentioned that the United Methodist Church Communications has done in the past a grant program for such things, that could also be checked into. Steve Hose asked if the event could be video taped for the website, copyright laws will need to be checked for this. Also it was felt that if this event harvests a lot of new people to our church we should be prepared, such as Sunday School and our church itself , so that we can build on the seeds that have been planted. Jan Adams brought up that maybe we could do something new with the Sunday Schools rooms and hallways. Could we paint over existing murals in the Sunday School rooms etc. . Jan also felt we need to do something about our Old Parsonage the bathroom really needs to be fixed and it does need a good cleaning especially since this is our church offices. Maybe we could get some men from the church to help and incorporate it into a work day project. As for the cleaning now that Gene Rippeon is feeling better we will ask him if he would like to resume cleaning it and if not find someone who can. All this will be brought to the Trustees attention and addressed there, Pastor John will bring it to there attention. Alfred Schuech was asked what he might need help with and Alfred stated that he needs to know when meetings or events are canceled so he can prepare accordingly, also lights need to be turned off and heat turned down to save energy costs. We would like to thank Alfred for all his hard work in setting up for events in the Church since this isn't something he is supposed to be doing at all, thank you Alfred. The United Methodist Women will need to give Alfred 24 hours notice unless it is a school closing or 2 hour delay that they will not be quilting, also other ministries will need to do the same please. Our new Sunday Service change what have we heard or seen? Our Sunday School classes have increased by 25%.It was felt the only hiccup was our Holiday meal we need to decide if it will still be one service on that Sunday, also it was felt if we do have the one service have Sunday School first before the service. Why because a lot of people leave after Sunday School normally but if the service were 2nd they would stay for the meal. Some have felt that Sunday School has been cut shorter about 15 minutes, this is probably due to 1st service running over it really must be kept on time, so this doesn't happen. It was also reported that some feel that it has benefited the younger members not the older members, that Sunday School classes have not increased. However one of the older members Sunday School class has asked for more books. It was also reported that the music wasn't liked they weren't happy with the songs. They were referred to Pastor John. The 1st thru 5th grade has been really almost non-existent but we don't have a lot in that range. Yet the ones we do it was asked if they were coming to 2nd service and again there is only maybe one or 2 who are that age range. On the other hand our younger children in 2nd service is growing and Super Church is growing and doing well. Overall it has been felt to be a positive except for our Choir and prayer team, since they have to arrive at 8:30 am. Kathleen Wright motioned we keep the Service change 2nd by Forest Webb 1 opposed and 14 agreed. It was asked if we could do just one more survey since the congregation has been doing the service change for awhile and put on the sheet clearly do you like the new service time or do you like the old service time, and have people drop it in the collection plate. Pastor John will make an announcement this Sunday and have the survey's ready for Sunday February 1st. Forest Webb motioned we rescind the previous motion we passed and do the survey 2nd by Steve Hose all agreed motion carried. Pastor John was offered from a Pastor at District to do a 360 evaluation of the church, it is an evaluation to get to know what people are thinking and what were doing good and what we need to improve on. The overall feeling was that our church has just gone thru 3 years of rebuilding and that if someone else comes in it could cause discord among the church. We have come so far it would be a shame to disrupt the growth we have achieved. Pastor John was flattered that the District Pastor thought of him that is why he brought it up. Steve Hose motioned at this time Thank you anyway but not at this time Dana Phelps 2nd all agreed motion carried. Jerry Leishman asked if we could move our May Council meeting to May 19th since Apple of Golds celebration dinner is on our regular meeting night all agreed to move the meeting.
- At this time Jerry Leishman thanked everyone for all they have done and Trey Cole for stepping up to be our new Treasurer. No more business meeting closed in prayer by Kathleen Wright.
- **Follow-Ups:**
- **Jerry Leishman – Find out about Trustees co-chair to attend Church Council meetings**
- **Pastor John – Bring up old parsonage clean up and projects, Do surveys for church and announce it in church**
- **Beth Sandy – prepare figure for Finance committee meeting on Thursday**

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Wright, Secretary