

Minutes for Church Council ---- Bedington UMC
July 28,2014

The following members present : Chair – Jerry Leishman, Nancy Deeds, Steve Hose, Beth Sandy, Gail Boarman, Freeda Bowers, Pastor Walter Bowers, Teresa Janniney, Forest Webb, Dee LaFaber, 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 approved motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Survey for Changing of Sunday Church Services:** We will put maybe one or two more surveys out before our next meeting on August 18th. At this time most of the responses have been positive. Therefore we will have a final vote on this issue on the above date.
- **How to Promote Our Church to Newcomers:** As discussed in previous minutes Jerry Leishman made a list of information that newcomers to the area might need, and with Dana Phelps help will make this into a tri-fold to have placed and handed out in the Library, Grocery Stores, Banks, Walmart, and some Realtors. The information is things like where to call for electric, trash pick-up, banks, etc. This would also say something to the effect of brought to you from your friends at Bedington United Methodist Church. The 1st batch of these we will just hand out and maybe next time ask the companies for a small donation to offset the cost. It was felt that the best way to go about the donation aspect was to pray and how to effectively do the tri-fold. Jerry and Dana will begin work on the tri-fold hopefully the 1st week in August. Lay Witness Mission plans, at this time it have been set into motion with food taken care of , most homes taken care of, and letters to the team have been sent. The Evangelism budget of \$412.00 should be enough to cover the costs left. However, at this point we do not have a coordinator (leader). The way the weekend works is that on Friday November 7th we meet at the Church have a meal and break into small groups. Saturday host families would provide breakfast and sometime around 10 am or a little later have groups come to their homes for prayer and discussion, Bible Study, then lunch would be at the Church. On Sunday host families again provide breakfast and then in Church the Mission Team Leader would speak, and possibly have others in the team give their testimonies. We would also possibly have some do with Church members visitations to shut ins etc. Also it would be encouraged for the host families to invite their neighbors and friends that do not attend Church to come and join the home study part of the mission. The council's concerns were of course no coordinator, but also since it is in November (7th - 9th) if we were over committing our self's. We have Apples of Gold, 40 days of Love, and the above mentioned Lay Witness Mission. There was discussion of maybe holding Apples of Gold off for 1 yr. But many in the Council who were in that program and know the wonderful things that can come from it felt this should not be done. And the 6 week 40 days of Love which is a preparation for the Lay Witness Mission is important. So it was asked by one member for those 6 weeks could we for Sunday School have the 40 days of Love be the curriculum. It was mentioned about the children's Sunday School teachers so it was suggested we do the 40 days of Love in Sunday School with maybe a couple of groups meeting at their best time to do the program at the same time. It was felt that if people want to do the 40 day program they will do it. It was also mentioned that the behind the scenes of Lay Witness Mission should start September 8th also Apples of Gold and 40

days of Love should start in September. The Council's concern is however we must find a coordinator do the Lay Witness Mission, and this will be worked on and done with the Lords help, and a lot of prayer that we all need to do. Forest Webb motioned we do all 3 of the above mentioned programs, 2nd by Teresa Jainnney, all agreed motion carried. It was also mentioned at this time the Appleased program will not be done this year.

New Business:

- **Parking Lot Security:** It was noticed that last Sunday someone was hanging around the parking lot when we would have normally been in service. Therefore it was felt by the Council that we need to make people in the congregation aware that they need to lock their doors, and be aware of their surroundings just to be safe. And should you see something suspicious let Pastor or someone know and it can be checked.
- **Bat Situation in attic:** At this time we have had a man from Wildlife Pro's come to check out our situation, and he said at this time we are the 5th ranked worst he has seen. At this time we have 1,600 bats and up to two feet of guano (bat waste). Our sonic deterrent did not work, so he removed it. The plan is to come in and put up a mesh that lets the bats out but does not let them come back in and in two to three weeks when all bats are gone the waste will be removed. This is guaranteed for 1 year and if we do not do this next year the amount of bats will double as well as the waste. The cost of the removal is \$10,000.00, of that we do have \$6,000.00 in FRAM and another \$3,777.00 that can go toward it, so we have approximately \$9,000.00 of the \$10,000.00. So for the well-being of our congregation, Steve Hose motioned we use the FRAM money and any additional money come from the rainy day fund which is about \$12,000, 2nd by Kathleen Wright, all agreed motion carried. And it was also added that the Trustees could in a month or so of completion check the situation out and add maybe some construction mesh to really be sure they don't come back. Wildlife Pro's are scheduled to start bat removal on August 4th.

Other New Business: It was brought up that we need to see more positive things in the bulletin, rather than the negative. We had 240 people here this past Sunday due to VBS, it was fantastic. We also had a larger Middle School Youth group turn out due to the VBS program. We need to see and hear more about that and what we have accomplished. It was also asked if we have a set mission bank for Kidz Power Pacs, we do not, but the coins that are collected on Sunday do go for that mission. It was also brought up again the need to get our books caught up and get a bookkeeper, due to a family illness within our current bookkeeper's family our prayers to Shannon. Their job would be data entry, W2's and payroll. Checks would be handled by treasurer. We do have one person who if we get the books caught up might do it. We will ask Pastor John to help the treasurer along with someone to get our books caught up and either get someone to volunteer to do the bookkeeping or hire someone. But we must get this done! Steve Hose brought to our attention that our monthly giving is down about \$3,000.00 (\$36,000.00 a year). So getting the word out about our Church is important.

The Council would also at this time like to thank our VBS & Sunday School Committee for their hard work great and well done job. Freeda Bowers closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen E. Wright

Secretary

