

Minutes for Church Council --- Bedington UMC  
June 30, 2014

The following members present: Chair – Jerry Leishman, Pastor John Rudisill, Gail Boarman, Beth Sandy, Butch Catrow, Steve Hose, Dee LaFaber, Dana Phelps, Jan Adams, Kathleen Wright.

Prayer:

Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Hose motioned to approve minutes as written 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dee LaFaber, all agreed, motion carried.

Old Business:

There were about 20 surveys turned in on our Service time change, they were neither negative nor positive. There was one that specifically stated their concern was that earlier service stay the earlier service, it not be put into the 2<sup>nd</sup> service time slot, which it will not be. There was some concern that some people may leave if we do change the times, but this does not seem to be a problem. Pastor John has followed up with those that had concerns to make sure that if there was an issue we would be aware of it, and as of now there has been no issue about anyone leaving because of the change. Also one of the responses to the change was that this was not about them it was about what would be good for the Church. At this time the survey is pretty well wrapped up except for the ones out in the newsletter. We also discussed what would be planned for the children in Life Worship since there will no longer be Sunday School at that time. Which all felt is a concern and must be addressed. It was asked if we do change the services how many of Life Worship would attend Sunday School? It was stated about half would and Gail Boarman asked if they were going to start their own classes or incorporate into existing classes. It was stated they would join existing classes. Steve Hose's suggestion was to move 1<sup>st</sup> service up 15 min and 2<sup>nd</sup> back 15 min. Pastor John stated when he came here he was told 1<sup>st</sup> service was an hour and 15 minutes, but if we make this change 1<sup>st</sup> service must be 1 hour. That may mean cutting out a hymn, but the ultimate responsibility falls on Pastor John to make it 1 hour. And during the month of July he will be working on doing this each Sunday. Dee LaFaber asked if children go to Children's Church, could we do without the Children's message, all agreed this was an important part of Church and couldn't be done. Dana Phelps reminded us that at one point in time we started the announcements 5 minutes earlier and maybe it could be done before the processional. Dana Phelps and Gail Boarman do not want a hymn cut they feel it is important. If we do start 5 to 10 minutes earlier Pastor John stated at one of his Churches he and his lay speaker went up earlier and the lay speaker would do the announcements and then they would have the prelude. We will try this and it will hopefully give more reverence to the beginning of service. We would first have to check with Pam Stickel to see if this is okay with her. Also Jan Adams would like the announcements to be more exciting to catch people's attention. Jerry Leishman's question is are we going to give this another month. Dana Phelps feels we should put it in the bulletin, you either speak your peace as to why you don't want the change or if you don't say anything you agree to the change. Have something where you check a box yes or no for the change. Pastor John will have the time changes listed and they will be 1<sup>st</sup> Service 9 to 10, Sunday School 10:15 to 11:15, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Service (Life Worship) 11:15 to 12:15. Pastor John in July will start announcements 5 minutes earlier and try to do 1<sup>st</sup> service in one hour. If all works out we will implement the change in? Dana Phelps suggested 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of September to coincide with the Sunday School curriculum. Step up day and Rally Day need to be the same day. Doing it on August 24<sup>th</sup> would be a good thing since it ties in with School starting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Then we could do the time change on August 31<sup>st</sup>, and that day be a day the teacher could use as a get acquainted with the students day. Then the next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> would be when the new curriculum comes out. So those are our implement days for changes. For Rally Day – Step Up day Beth Sandy asked for suggestions, Jerry Leishman suggested a dress up day of Bible Characters, Dana Phelps asked what about the older members. Dana Phelps suggested we do something like Jerry said but during service. Have Pastor John do a Homily and then do a guess who I am or something. We will do a combined service at 10 am that day and have a brunch afterward either in the fellowship hall or pavilion. Dana Phelps, Pastor John, and Beth Sandy will work together and hopefully come up with a really good game plan for next council meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, Dee LaFaber was asked if the ladies help with food, we will know more after the July meeting. Dana Phelps got some symbols clip art for our vision statement, Lorelee and Dana will continue to look for more and hopefully next meeting we will decide. Trustee's voted on a concrete bid and the project will start in August after the steeple spouting is done. Pastor John asked if there would be any problems with Sunday Service and prayerfully all work will be done by Sunday.

### New Business:

- Trustees: Reported that the Air Conditioner Unit will be replaced for the Narthex, Parlor, and Pastor Bowers Sunday School room. Old unit was beyond repair. They will be receiving bids and taking the best one.
- Altar Guild was turned down for plastic insert in the windows in Sanctuary (it was to protect the sills from scrapes etc.) So Jan Adams will check with Don LaFaber to see if he can come up with something
- Promoting Our Church: Jerry Leishman stated we need to brainstorm on how to get people into our church. In a 3 mile radius there are how many zip codes? There are 59 churches in the area, and in 2010 there were 1,004 people new in this area, and a 37 percent average growth per year. Also, 41 percent of Americans go to church. Question how do we get them information on our Church. There used to be like a welcome wagon there isn't anything like that now, so Dana Phelps stated there is a program available at the library we could use to make a brochure of things people might need to know and on the back say from your friends at or brought to you from Bedington United Methodist Church with our hours and such. If we do this we need to check to see if we could give it to realtors, DMV, Library. Steve Hose suggests we get a marketing committee. Dana Phelps said she would help someone with the making the above, Jerry Leishman said he would and maybe it would be the top 10 questions asked about the area and give them websites to visit for maps and other things. Jerry may use the Library computer and program.
- Directory:

Kathleen Wright reported there have been some ups and downs on the directory but progress is being made, and prayerfully by September 1<sup>st</sup> will have it done.

- Roots Reunion:

There were 16 alumni who came, and agreed they would like to do this once a month. This will be done in conjunction with Jr Youth so their children can participate in a youth group. Also, on those Sunday's Pastor John will be doing the Youth Group so Anthony and Heather can attend the gatherings. The next gathering is July 13 and there will be approximately 20 young adults.

- Sunday School & VBS Picnic:

The theme this year will be old time picnic with horseshoes, crochet, Balloon Volleyball, etc.

- Finance:

Steve Hose stated they haven't had a meeting this year due to Shannon Keefer's father's illness, so they really don't know where we stand. Steve did check with Shannon's company to see what it would cost us to have them do our books, it would be \$175.00 a month \$2,100.00 a year. We cannot have Shannon Hose due to conflict of interest and Jerry Leishman will talk to Denia about helping out. We really need to find someone we are 6 to 7 months behind. Toni Sigler doesn't have the skill set to use Peach Tree therefore we really need to find that person, note they would only do bookkeeping. Steve also suggested that at some point we may have to look into paying someone to do all the treasury and bookkeeping. Steve is just preparing us for what might be in the future. Steve has also asked Pastor John to ask Loralee Miller to send the weekly revenue sheet to him, he has not been getting it.

- Next Meeting:

1. Beth Sandy, Dana Phelps, Pastor John Step up and Rally Day theme
2. Anymore Service Survey's
3. Jerry Leishman and Dana Phelps Brochure
4. Trustees AC unit bid cost
5. Kathleen Wright Directory
6. Steve Hose , Jerry Leishman bookkeeper
7. Dana Phelps and Loralee Miller Vision Statement Symbols

No more business Kathleen Wright closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen E. Wright  
Recording Secretary

