

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC
May 28, 2014

The following members present: Chair – Jerry Leishman, Pastor John Rudisill, Pastor Walter Bowers, Gail Boarman, Beth Sandy, Dana Phelps, Steve Hose, Linda Kohler, Nancy Deeds, Forest Webb, Steve Joswick, Teresa Janniney, Kathleen Wright.

Prayer:

Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Steve Hose motioned we approve minutes with the following correction, the last sentence on the first page be stricken from the minutes. Forest Webb 2nd all approved motion carried.

Vision Statement:

The word our in front of discipleship, and since obedience is implied Pastor John stated it didn't need to be in there. Steve Hose motioned we use the vision statement with the above changes, 2nd by Forest Webb, all agreed motion carried. So therefore our Vision Statement is as follows; FOLLOW THE WORDS OF CHRIST --- “FEED MY SHEEP” (JOHN 21: 15-17) IN OUR WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS. Pastor John stated he is willing to withdraw the SWORD acronym, so we can just have a vision statement. Kathleen Wright motioned we withdraw the SWORD acronym, 2nd by Pastor John all agreed motion carried.

New Business:

- Communication Issues : Jerry Leishman asked two meetings ago that the various secretaries from each committee send the Church Council Secretary there minutes. This has not been happening. The idea behind the secretaries sending the minutes is that each committee would not have to report at the Council meeting, just address the needs. Jerry takes responsibility for this because he has not followed up with the secretaries. It is also been agreed since PPRC deals with sensitive issues they will not have to send their minutes they will just report to the board.
- Trustees on Construction Issues: Steve Joswick reported that their meeting only had 3 attendee's last time so they couldn't vote on any issues discussed. The issues were, they got a 2nd bid on the concrete from Kirby's brother that was cheaper. Jerry Leishman stated we have the money now and things have been sitting the last 60 days and if we wait for the next meeting it would be another 60 days, since their next meeting is scheduled in July. Forest Webb suggested they have an emergency meeting after church on Sunday. Pastor John asked since there is a conflict with the date of their next meeting could they just move it to within the next 2 weeks, or ASAP, Steve Joswick will contact the committee. B&G has given a price of \$1,830.00 to scrape and caulk and paint outside windows, this should also have a vote in the above mentioned meeting. Jerry Leishman we really need to address the drainage issues in the Church as soon as possible. Forest Webb said we need more sump pumps and Pastor John stated one of the problems is the current one is in the highest location. We need to put the pumps in the lowest spots, those being the triple classroom and the back Sanctuary stairwell.
- PPRC: Teresa Janniney reported they are now meeting every month except July, and they are working on showing appreciation to the staff along with the Pastor. This is there focus for this year.
- Miscellaneous and Needs: Steve Hose brought up that the Incentive Program was rescinded thru SPRC but not thru the Council, therefore we needed to vote on this. Forest Webb motioned we rescind the Incentive Program 2nd by Teresa Janniney, all agreed except Steve Hose who felt it was a good concept but it was not well received. Also Pastor John abstained. Majority voted in favor of rescinding Incentive Program. Steve Hose stated since we have the \$2,500.00 dollars earmarked for this program why not transfer it to the Evangelism Committee, this will be discussed next meeting.

Steve Hose repeated that we must find some way to get the word out about our Church, suggestions were maybe putting our Services and Sunday School hours in the Journal and Buyers Guide. In the Evangelism Committee it was talked about too and Steve Hose has a flyer to give to Rick Davis to see if they could hand those out. Steve Hose also reported that everything on the website is reflective to now except reunions and Trustee Meetings. Loralee Miller has not received a schedule from the Trustee's and as soon as she gets that she will let Steve Hose know to post that. Forest Webb reported the United Methodist Men will be going to a ballgame on July 8th and this will be open to the Church. There will be information in the bulletin, and it will be from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M., the cost approximately \$15.00 for food for groups of 20 or more. Game starts at 6:30 – 6:35, and we can meet at the Church to car pool at 4:45. Church Service Change discussion both Beth Sandy and Dana Phelps have heard positive feedback. Pastor John is there any perceived impact on our Church Ministries, for 2nd Service would there be a Children's Ministry since it has been separate. Dana Phelps stated that at their previous Church the 2nd service usually helped with the 1st service children and vice a versa with the 2nd service children. That is for the children ages 3 to 6 Children's Church age. Dana Phelps would be opposed to the service changes if the children from 2nd service are not being fed. This an issue we will have to deal with and Dana Phelps is talking about the 3 to 6 yr. Olds and Nursery age children, Pastor John feels we can work this out because right now we do have Super Church going for the 3 to 6 yr olds. We will also put something in the bulletin and a survey sheet in the bulletin to see what our Congregation feels of this change, again it is moving 1st Service up a half hour, Sunday School, then 2nd Service. Jerry Leishman would also like Pastor John have Council Members stand one Sunday so people can put a face with the names. Dana Phelps and Steve Hose feel we shouldn't make a decision without feedback. Steve Hose also feels it should be presented as a way of uniting the Church rather than dividing the Church and feels that maybe this should be said in the Pulpit. Dana Phelps reported that Jr. Youth will have a Beginning of the Year event on August 17th from 4 to 6 P.M. . It will be a cook-out, moon bounce. Jr. Youth feels there finances are okay to do this event. VBS Closing & Sunday School Picnic will be the same Sunday again this year, and we will again have a combined service starting at 10 A.M. . The Sunday is July 27th , and the hope is that we can get VBS kids into Sunday School prayerfully, the picnic will begin right after Church till about 2 P.M.. Forest Webb was asked if there were any needs for Henderson Mission Trip, everything is okay and set UMW is again helping with gas, and one of the team members at this time will not be able to go. Jerry Leishman asked Steve Hose if they needed help with the books for the Church since Shannon Keefer's fathers illness. Steve stated Toni Sigler is trying to learn them but could use some help. Jerry said he would see if Denia Leishman could help out.

• Tasks for Next Meeting :

- Dana Phelps found icons for our Vision Statement she will get with Loralee Miller and print some options for our next meeting.
- Discussion on Survey's for Service Changes, and Children's Ministries
- Trustee's to get their schedule to Loralee Miller
- Trustee's also the results of their meeting

No more business Dana Phelps closed us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen E. Wright
Recording Secretary