

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC – November 17, 2014

The following members present: Jerry Leishman – Chair, Pastor John Rudisill, Gail Boarman, Beth Sandy, Steve Hose, Forest Webb, Jan Adams, Pastor Walter Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Teresa Janniney, Kathleen Wright.

**Prayer:** Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Steve Hose motioned that minutes be approved as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Sandy. All agreed motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- **Follow-up on Bat Removal:** Kyle Sandy reported that Al Schuech said the bat removal company is to return, and that it should be quarterly for the year. Jerry will follow up with Alfred.
- **Follow-up on progress of Concrete work on front of church:** Kyle Sandy reported he is not sure where we are but he will check with Butch Catrow.
- **Follow-up “Welcome” packets:** Jerry Leishman reported Dana Phelps is working on them, but Dana's schedule is very busy at this time, if we could find someone to help him print the tri-fold it would be appreciated. We will need to find out what kind of paper, it was suggested card stock should at least be used. All the information contained in the tri-fold has been contained into e-mails. The Council has also agreed the initial “Welcome” packets should be black and white and done on the church computer. Jerry stated most of the work has been done. Jan Adams will check with Dana to see if they are ready to print and if so, does she want Loralee to print them. It is hoped to have them out by Christmas. Please note the information is in a basic document format, but Dana was working on the tri-fold part of it, this is what will be checked on.
- **Follow-up Lay Witness Mission:** Pastor Bowers reported everything seems to have been God driven, life changing, and brought our Church closer. It was also mentioned that it was a real binding experience and that the Saturday small groups went well and that the feedback has been really good. It was also noted that with the small groups people who didn't really know each other got a chance to get know someone they hadn't known. Pastor John reported that the visiting team stated how open and willing to share our Church was, he felt the “40 Days of Love” helped to prepare us for this.
- **Trey Cole:** Trey is in the process of training on the software for Treasurer, and has met with Denia Leishman (Denia is helping Trey to learn our system since Denia is familiar with the software package, thank you Denia). Trey has loaded all the software and is getting our books up to date and in order. We do have to emphasize the voucher program so that Trey knows what committee the money is to come from and what line item. The committee chairs should try to use approximately ¼ of there budget each quarter. It was asked how are the committee chairs to know what their budgets are? It is written in our budget for the year, but Jerry asked if Steve Hose would let each committee chair know their budgets and what categories (line items) are and how to use the vouchers. Once the budget amounts are set for each committee they do not have to go before the Finance Committee for approval as long as they stay within their allotted budget. Forest Webb brought up that the banks are charging a \$4.00 fee for the Missions Committee and the United Methodist Men, he went to the bank and asked why it was stated because we get a statement and copies of checks. If we received e-statements this fee could be eliminated. Jerry Leishman will check with Denia Leishman to see if she can go on-line to do this, at this time the Churches main account is not being charged this fee. Steve Hose asked about our By-Laws due to a Charitable Trust Donation, all other paper work has been done and the By-Laws are all is needed to finish. The By-Laws are our Book of Discipline, Pastor John will check with the District office to see if they have this on a disc to send them.

**New Business:**

- **LWM follow-up planning (January event? Other?):** Pastor Bowers and Pastor John reported the Sunday evening closing program we had, has Lori Turner processing feedback from Lay Witness Mission (LWM), to see if there is enough interest in small groups. We will have in January a Sunday session and have already established groups who want to invite new people to tell a little about their group and have new small groups available. The start time for the groups would be mid-January. Also on the Sunday nights closing there were suggestions of things like “Chinese Fire Drill Sunday School”, where everybody goes to a different Sunday School class (this does not mean that a whole class change with another), this way people get to know one another. Also a ½ day LWM was suggested, and a once a month or quarterly testimony Sunday Service. The level 2 of the School of Healing is a continuation of the Level 1 for those who have been through it and want to do level 2, this begins next year.
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- **Holiday Meal:** Paige Davis is graciously heading this again this year, the date will be Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, thank you Paige. Jerry Leishman will check with Paige to see what help and supplies are needed.
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- **“God at the Quad”:** The event is November 29<sup>th</sup> and Jerry Leishman reported that he and Glen Davis will have a booth there and will be giving out information about our church. It was suggested could we do magnets that have our website, service

times, phone number, etc. Walmart it was mentioned does have magnets that you can attach business cards to. Jerry said he would probably for this event print something on the computer but in the future use this idea. There are places we can order these things relatively cheaply, so this is an option for future use. Jerry will also check with Rick and Paige Davis to see if they still have their poster tri-fold with the church information.

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- **2014 Accomplishments:** Jerry Leishman asked the Chairs of each committee to evaluate what they did well and what they need to improve. Also what the Church as a whole has done this past year. Jerry feels that we have done a lot of healing and that the LWM helped a lot with this.
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- **2015 Goals/Direction:** Jerry Leishman also stated that small groups will bring people together, and that the New Year is the time to get more people together. **Our Motto for 2015 is “God is Bringing and Binding Our Church Together Come Grow with Us in Christ.”**
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- **Other New Business:** It was asked if the Prayer Chain could be updated since making the Prayer Chain some of the people are now working. It was suggested could we for those who have cell phones do a mass text message that way it would reach those who are working and it would be one message for all who have cell phones. For those who do not they can still be called. Pastor John will check with Lorelee to see if she can text the message and call the first person who does not have a cell and then the chain can go on as it has. Forest Webb reported that the Food Pantry is providing meals for 18 families this year, and that the United Methodist Women contributed money for the turkeys. Also it was reported that \$136.77 in coins was raised for Kidz Power Pacs, and \$54.30 in children's coins was matched for a total of \$108.60 to the Bedington United Methodist Church Food Pantry. During Lent this year's Missions will be collecting for the Food for the Poor, Starfish Program, and their Missions Breakfasts will start December 6<sup>th</sup> and the first Saturday of the month till last one on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015. The Mission Committee has decided to promote the Tennessee mission trip among the youth due mainly to cost. It cost each person \$435.00 for Jeremiah and requires a \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit per person by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Whereas Henderson is \$230.00 per person plus cost of materials and requires a single deposit of \$100.00. Our youth leaders have been on the mission trips in the past and can encourage our youth to participate. Freeda Bowers reported that God is among us in the Care Ministry, they have helped a lot of people and are doing fruit baskets and Christmas stockings. We have received an outdoor flag that was flown over the Capitol and given to us by our Senator. Also we have a new indoor flag and Pastor John will order the tassel for it. Caroling is December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm, United Methodist Women (UMW) will be serving food, thank you UMW. It was brought up to Kyle Sandy should we start promoting the Card Board Sled Derby, it will be promoted about one month ahead. Kyle also reported that the Youth Group is 10 youth every Sunday and up to 15 at times. And that United Methodist Men (UMM) have been giving them spaghetti from their dinner for their meal the following Sunday, thank you UMM. Pastor John mentioned there were several requests for his Pastor's report from the Charge Conference, they are going to make it available. Jerry Leishman brought to the Council's attention that there has been a car or two broken into, and he would like some volunteers to do a walk thru the parking lot sometime during the service, like children's time, to just check things out. Forest Webb motioned if there is no budget at the end of 2014 for 2015 we operate under the identical budget of 2014 and any expenditure over \$500.00 goes thru the Finance Committee, and if we don't have a budget that we don't have a meeting in December 2nd by Steve Hose all agreed motion carried.
- No more business Freeda Bowers closed in prayer.
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- **Follow-up Assignments:**
- **Jerry Leishman – Get with Alfred Schuech about Bat Removal , Get with Denia Leishman about e-banking statements, Get with Rick and Paige Davis about Tri- fold, and check with Paige Davis about Holiday Meal**
- **Kyle Sandy – Get with Butch Catrow**
- **Jan Adams – Get with Dana Phelps about “Welcome” packet tr i-fold**
- **Pastor John – Get with District to find out about Book of Discipline CD, Get with Lorelee about Prayer Chain text, also order Flag tassel**

Respectfully Submitted  
Kathleen E. Wright  
Secretary