

## Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC – October 20, 2014

Before Council met some members came early and made phone calls to remind our Church of the upcoming Lay Witness Mission. Denia Leishman prepared a wonderful meal, thank you Denia and thank those who came and made phone calls.

The following members present: Jerry Leishman – Chair, Pastor John Rudisill, Pastor Walter Bowers, Dee LaFaber, Nancy Deeds, Forest Webb, Beth Sandy, Teresa Janniney, Steve Hose, Kyle Sandy, Gail Boarman, Kathleen Wright.

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

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Steve Hose motioned to approve minutes, Forest Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>. All agreed motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

- **Follow-up on Bat Removal Success:** Kyle Sandy reported they may need to do a little more clean up, but other than that all is good. Both of the Vents to the attic are screened, and Alfred Scheuch is keeping up with those details, Kyle will check with on the progress.
- **Follow-up on Concrete Work in Front of Church:** Kyle Sandy reported the gutter is in so they can begin work anytime. As of this time it looks like they will start the work the end of October, due to the fact they are finishing up another job. We will work with them to make sure it doesn't interfere with Church Services or our Lay Witness Missions.
- **Follow-up on “Welcome” Packets:** Jerry Leishman reported that they will be ready for distribution in about a month and there working on the tri-fold.
- **Follow-up on Lay Witness Mission Plans:** Pastor Bowers reported he feels they're on track, but we do need more people to sign up for our Saturday morning coffee groups. We will announce the coffee groups more and possibly when the other reminder calls are made we will mention them. Denia Leishman wanted to know since Missions is holding \$550.00 for them, should we send it to them. Kathy Wright motioned we send them \$300.00 right now and hold the rest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Hose. All agreed motion carried. Pastor Bowers will get the details and get with Denia. The UMW will also be making phone calls next Thursday for the LWM, these calls, like tonight's will be a reminder as well as a reservation so we know how much food to prepare. Pastor Rudisill asked about activities on Saturday for the teenagers, it was suggested games and snacks at the Church. There are 4 adults handling the youth and 3 adults handling the younger children to make sure the youth and children can enjoy the Lay Witness Mission too. Thank you to all.

### **New Business:**

- **“40 Days of Love” small groups end this week:** Pastor John reported he would like a summary feedback from people in groups this Sunday. He will ask anyone who would like to, to tell about their experience. This Sunday will be the last Sunday for this theme.
- **New Treasurer:** Steve Hose reported Trey Cole will be our new Treasurer and Toni Sigler is still our Treasurer until January 2015. Trey in the time between now and January will be getting our books caught up, and in January will take over the position. Thank you Trey for accepting and Toni for all your hard work. Steve Hose suggested that in order to insure the accuracy of the finances and attendance we will be reporting the finances and attendance 2 weeks later (in other words two weeks behind). Kathleen Wright motioned we do this, Forest Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>, all agreed motion carried. This will be implemented the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November, and all the appropriate people involved will be notified.

**Other Business:** Dee LaFaber let us know that she has asked her Sunday School class ( Friendship Class) if they would be willing to take on the Angel Tree project and they are willing to do so. The class will make up the cards and Dee will get with Dana Phelps for the rest of the details. Thank you Friendship Class, and Dee. Beth Sandy has already had her 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for the outreach Walk with Jesus for next year's Palm Sunday. We are doing this again

more for an outreach to the community this year, last it was more for the congregation to get our feet wet. This year will be more for the community and for our congregation to get more involved in the program. Also, for our members to ask their neighbors and family and friends who did not attend last year to attend. The event will take place on Saturday instead of Sunday next year, this way they can attend church Sunday if they wish too. Beth and her team has taken all the feed-back from last year and it sounds like it will be a great outreach. The Easter Egg hunt will be a separate event next year and will be on a Sunday afternoon or evening. Forest Webb reported we will have the normal mission trips this year, with Jeremiah Project depending upon interest. This being so because it is a great financial commitment, with a hefty deposit fee that is nonrefundable. With this project we need to figure out a division of the funds between missions, youth group, and the participants and their family. We also need sponsors who would be willing to sponsor a youth up to ½ the cost of the 1/3 the youth is responsible for. We really need to find out all the factors involved with Jeremiah ex. vehicles, cost, and commitment to really see what we can do. Don LaFaber is heading up Jeremiah, thank you Don. Henderson is not as costly and will be the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. The Missions breakfast will start the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December, (December 6<sup>th</sup>) and each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month till March and possibly April. Beth Sandy reported on Sunday School, that Anna Sheets is doing a musical for the Christmas Program for the youth. Teresa Jainnney reported PPRC nominations and all is going well. Pastor John reported a follow up to LWM is a goal to encourage people to join a small group. On Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a ceremony (evaluation process) to talk about what was good what was bad, and your overall experience. Also follow up on small group studies. After the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year he would like to have a small group night and take what was said on the ninth and get about a dozen options for people to choose from and join a group. Or they can create a new group if they desire. Pastor John mention that Bishop Matthews hadn't received our donation for No More Malaria. That is because it is our October missions bank and it will be sent at the end of the month. Our Charge Conference this year is October 25<sup>th</sup> and is being held here along with 2 other Churches – Hedgesville and Harmony. Bedington and Hedgesville will be at 9:30 am and Harmony at 11 am. The question was raised, are we going to have coffee and refreshments for them, we will have coffee and donuts. Randy Coyle called our Church and asked if we would like to be involved in the Power Team event this year. It is event where weight lifters witness for Christ, the event is in November, and it also has food and several other events going on. All of which is free, thus could we will be a financial partner since this year we cannot participate with our other commitments. The amount asked is \$300.00 and since we can't participate and they would have allowed us a booth and announcements etc. for good faith, Steve Hose motioned we do this from the general fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Forest Webb, motion carried with one dissension. No more business, meeting closed in prayer by Kathleen Wright.

**Follow-up Assignments:**

- **Kyle Sandy – Bat removal and Concrete start date.**
- **Dana Phelps and Jerry Leishman – “Welcome” packets**
- **Pastor Bowers – Get with Denia Leishman**
- **Dee LaFaber – Get with Dana Phelps about Angel Tree**
- **Forest Webb – Get with Don LaFaber about Jerimah Project**