

Minutes for Church Council – Bedington UMC – September 15, 2014

The following members present: Jerry Leishman – Chair, Pastor Rudisill, Pastor Bowers, Freeda Bowers, Forest Webb, Dana Phelps, Dee LaFaber, Jan Adams, Nancy Deeds, Steve Hose, Teresa Jaininey, Kathleen Wright.

Prayer: Jerry Leishman opened with prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Forest Webb motioned to approve. Pastor John made the correction to previous minutes, which should read under section **Follow-up on final plans to change service times on Sunday mornings:** The eighth sentence should now read It was also brought up that in the past some of the youth who attend Sunday School would like to join the Praise Band, but it was not encouraged because Sunday School should take precedence, with the Service change they would now be allowed to pursue joining the Praise Band. Jan Adams 2nd with correction to the minutes. All agreed- motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Follow-up on progress of Gutter Install:** Pastor John reported it was his understanding that at this time we have a contractor to do the gutter at a lower price due to the fact he can do it at a time of his choosing. However we do need to at least get some kind of commitment date from him by October 1st because the concrete work cannot be done until the completion of the guttering.
- **Follow-up on progress of Concrete Work on Front of Church:** See above
- **Follow-up on filling Treasurer Position:** Steve Hose reported that there is someone we are discussing the position with.
- **Follow-up on “Welcome” Packets:** Dana Phelps and Jerry Leishman have done the tri-folds they contain the Berkeley County Schools , Health Department, Utilities, Government, websites, and each is under a category and some other websites were suggested and will be added. There was discussion on the cover and it was brought up the Church information should go on the front with something written like from your friends at BUMC. Colors are maroon, grey and off white. Dana will produce it. Thank you Dana and Jerry for all your hard work.
- **Follow-up on Feed-Back from change in Sunday Morning Service Time:** It was brought to our attention if we are going to start the minutes at 8:55 am we should have that listed as our service time, those few minutes did allow us to finish on time, and Pastor Bowers did a wonderful job on getting those announcements read quickly and efficiently. Also for Pam our organist who prepares all week for the prelude it was heard, thank you Pam. It was suggested that if the acolytes go up about 3 minutes earlier with the choir and Pastors, that we could then start announcements at 8:56 and service right at 9 am, with the prelude. We could have our greeters and ushers let people know that announcements are being made but go on in the Church, service begins at 9 am, and the greeters and ushers would not go in until 9 am. Pastor John will let the appropriate people know for ushers and greeters. It was brought up that there is someone else interested in being trained on the sound system so hopefully it will always be covered. It was also mentioned that when we have a combined service that it is more of a 1st service platform and 2nd service’s platform is not incorporated into the service, and we should incorporate the two then it would truly be a combined worship service. Some suggestions were put a few of the 2nd service’s songs and maybe even greet one another. It was noted that in some Sunday School Classes that since the time change attendance is up.
- **Follow-up on Lay Witness Mission Plans:** Pastor Bowers reported all committees are working together and the Dukes head of team need to be contacted. Just normal details to be worked on.
- **Follow-up on Harvest Party:** Dana Phelps reported Harvest Party is on track and working well. It sounds like a really fun time so all come out and enjoy it!!! Sunday November 2nd from 4pm to 6pm.

New Buisness:

- **“40 Days of Love” small groups begin this week:** Pastor John reported that approximately 50 people are attending a small group. There are some Sunday School classes doing the study, there are some day time groups, and some evening groups, totaling 6 small groups. The way it works is Pastor John will be preaching on Sunday the upcoming week’s lesson principles. So this past Sunday was day 1 next Sunday day 8 etc. So far the feedback on those who have started is that it is great. The vision has been the combination of the “40 Days of Love”, a call of the small group component will help with the small group component of the “Lay Witness Mission”, and it should help people feel more comfortable and trustful in a small group setting. The first lesson is talking about living out and practicing to love someone, and maybe that person doesn't go to church to invite them. This has the evangelistic element for the “Lay Witness Mission”, which brings us to the home groups for the mission it is a way to bring someone in without them going to church. So our “40 Days of Love” is a good way to help us get ready for the “Lay Witness” as well to learn to be more loving to others, and all the closeness in a small group setting helps “Lay Witness” team members and hopefully us to testify to others.

Other New Business: It was asked if we could stand for call to worship and possibly the opening prayer along with our opening hymn. We could indicate this by an asterisks in the bulletin or by Pastor John simply asking everyone to stand. We will try this next Sunday. Also it was brought to our attention that someone had visited a church where they had a map of the county with the streets and each member had put a dot where they lived. All members of the council liked the idea and we will check to see if we can obtain a map and have our members do so. We have a lot of retired male church members with a lot of skills and perhaps they would appreciate getting together to maybe do some projects around the church (small repairs). An example of this is the “Wedding Bench” Don Bare made, it is beautiful and we thank you Don for it. If we proceed, we would need someone to coordinate it and Trustee’s to screen the projects, it could also be coordinated with the Care Ministry. Jan Adams will contact some of the men and see what they think. Dana Phelps will not be coordinating the Board of Child Care Angel tree this year so we need to find someone else to coordinate it. Thank Dana for all your years of doing this. Could we clean up our prayer list was asked. At this time a person is left on until it is expressed they come off, maybe we could put a date beside the person’s name and in 3 months ask for an update and if they would like to continue the prayer request. We could also put health concerns rather than a specific condition unless requested. This will be discussed at SPRC. November 2nd is All Saints day and Jan Adams is planning to honor those who have passed this year, and since this is our 1st year of doing this and we plan to hopefully continue doing so we will honor those in the past years. It is possible we will be doing the Conference practice of lighting a candle and if the family wishes having a picture on PowerPoint. On November 16th we will be honoring our Veterans, since the Sunday before Veterans Day is the “Lay Witness Mission”. We also need to replace our American Flag, we have been gifted an outdoor flag but we do need an indoor flag, prayfully we can do a presentation of an indoor flag during our Veterans Day service.

No more business meeting closed in prayer by Kathleen Wright.

Follow-up Assignments:

- **Dana Phelps and Jerry Leishman – Tri-fold “Welcome” packet**
- **Steve Hose – Speak to person about Treasurer position**
- **Pastor Bowers – Contact Duke Team**
- **Pastor Rudisill – Notify appropriate people for ushers and greeters**
- **Jan Adams – Contact some of the men she thinks would like to meet and help with projects**

Respectfully Submitted
Kathleen Wright
Secretary