

Administrative Council

November 6, 2017

Ray Harclerode called the meeting to order. Jimmy Wooten opened with a prayer. The devotion was given by Heather Collins. The topic was “Developing a Godly Lifestyle” and the reading was from Romans – don’t be conformed to the patterns of the world. Becky Carter volunteered for the February meeting.

Minutes were sent prior to the meeting and Jimmy Wooten made a motion to approve with a second by Steve Isaacs. The minutes were approved.

Old Business - None

Pastor’s Report – Jimmy Wooten presented the Lay Leadership report with everyone assuming their responsibilities in January. Elizabeth Coble made a motion to approve as presented and there was a second by Ann Creech. The report was approved. Jimmy also passed out a copy of the Report of Pastorial Ministry. This was for information only. He reminded the group that Charge Conference is on Sunday at 3:00 pm at Emmanuel UMC. He will have any documents that are needed for that day. The discretionary fund has received \$1,678.00 year-to-date and has disbursed \$2,842.08 with a balance of \$68.15.

Committee Reports:

Trustees – Carolyn Knowles reported that the trees have been trimmed and her brother is cutting a leaning tree on Friday. She has cleaning supplies for Friday, November 10, for the clean-up day. Arrangements are being made to have the 2nd septic tank at the church pumped and the one at the parsonage. Chris Edwards will be doing the work. The shutters have been taken down at the parsonage and two are beyond repair. Carolyn is going to get Bill to scrap the paint off and see if they can be repainted. She is also going to get prices for new ones.

Lay Leadership – Both Phil Isaacs and Ann Creech stated there was nothing to report.

Finance - Kay Hill reported that the current checkbook balance is \$8,325.04. She said that year-to-date we have received offerings in the amount of \$118,435.31 and have had \$4,904.93 in on-line giving. So far, the fees for on-line giving have been \$35.75. \$106,296.30 was for the General Fund. We have received \$1,874.50 that has been designated for apportionment. The most recent breakfast brought in \$2,229.00. The Methodist Home for Children pledge has been paid in full, Allied Churches still has \$960.00 to pay and S.A.F.E. has \$615.00 left. The numbers presented does not include the offering from the last Sunday or the Breakfast money.

Kay stated that the Insurance has been paid and won't be due until February 1, 2018. The Youth still have \$3,500.00 left but will need that money before the end of the year with Pilgrimage coming up. We will owe for the septic tank pumping and we haven't had fill-up of heating fuel yet. She said that 80% of the budget has been paid out. A letter has been sent out this morning giving a report of what we have done in 2017. Also letting people know that WE MAKE IT, YOU BAKE IT will be an annual event on the 2nd Saturday of September. For the year we made \$8,399.88 on the breakfasts, \$3,371.00 for We Make It, You Bake It (we could have done more if we hadn't run out) and \$719.25 on bake sales.

For 2018 our budget reflects a 2% decrease in apportionments and a 1% increase in the Pastor's salary. Jimmy asked about how much of the budget is spent each year and it ranges from 80% to 85% normally. Phil Isaacs made a motion to approve the 2018 Proposed Budget and there was a second by Steve Isaacs. The 2018 Budget was approved. Jimmy stated that Ben Payne left the church some money. He left us a portion of an insurance policy and stocks in a medical research company. One-half is designated for the cemetery fund and the other half is for the Youth ministry. Once things are settled with his estate, we will need to address whether to leave the stocks where they are or to sell and invest the money with the Methodist Foundation. The Trustees will decide on how to proceed when we have more information. Elizabeth suggested that the Youth might need to look at a new van, so all the money designated may not need to be invested.

Kay commented that all the church accounts are now at Capital Bank and that everything went smoothly. Jimmy thanked Kay for the last three years of her hard work as Finance Chair.

PPR – Valeria Caviness reported that the committee met and voted on the Pastor's salary for 2018. They also completed the State of the Church report. Everything has been uploaded to the Conference.

Breakfast – Nothing further to add.

Work Areas:

Children – Heather Collins stated that there was nothing to report.

Worship – Donna Harris was absent and there was nothing to report.

Youth – Steve Isaacs reported that there will be 15-20 going to Pilgrimage. He said that parents today aren't as involved with their children and it is a battle from week to week. He commented that he has 5-6 young adults that are faithful, and things are going great. Our youth and young adults are now meeting every other Sunday with other churches – Mt. Hermon, Center, Concord, Saxapahaw and Swepsonville. These meetings are for middle school, high schools and young

adults. Steve will be attending training on January 13 for working with multiple churches on youth. The different age groups have separate devotions and discussions. The conference is pushing for meetings of young adults like ACS. The youth will plan to have a stew in January 2018 and Phil said that the men will help.

Communications – Robert Griscom reported that this committee hasn't met.

Jimmy adjourned us with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Coble

Calendar

November

- 12 Women in the Pulpit/Charge Conference 3:00 pm
- 14 Seagrove Pottery Outing 9:00 am
- 19 3rd Sunday Lunch – Covered dish
- 21 Circle #1
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 27 Decorate Church for Advent and Chili Supper 6:00 pm

December

- 3 Men's Breakfast/First Sunday in Advent/J & J Support
- 12 UMW Christmas Party at Alma's
- 17 Youth Christmas Program 6:30 pm – Bring Refreshments
- 24 Cantata – 11:00 am – Communion – No late-night service

January

- 7 Men's Breakfast/J & J Support Group
- 9 Circle #2
- 16 Circle #1
- 21 3rd Sunday Meal
- 25 Good Shepherd Kitchen

February

- 3 Breakfast
- 4 Men's Breakfast/J & J Support Group
- 5 Administrative Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 10 Valentines Dinner for Ladies with Men Cooking
- 13 Circle #2
- 14 Ash Wednesday Service – Location to be Determined
- 16 Youth Beach Trip
- 18 First Sunday in Lent/3rd Sunday Meal
- 20 Circle #1
- 22 Good Shepherd Kitchen