

Church Council  
Minutes – January 16, 2022

Administrators:

Ryon Miro  
Robin Griffith

Attendees:

Elizabeth Chamblee	Larry Griner
Weston Cheatham	Gil Johnson
Dan Christmus	Jane Scott
Heather Cook	Tammy Sloop
Robert Cox	Jennifer Wargel
Karen Evans	

Absent:

Nikki Shaffner

Ryon opened with prayer.

Notes from last meeting were read for the record.

Reports from the following ministries:

Tammy Sloop – Specialized Ministries

1. Sunday School for Children.

The youngest group is doing well and has good participation but the next group only has two or three children and no real class or an available teacher. A meeting is being scheduled between Tammy and their parents to discuss how to move forward with this very small group.

2. Prayer and Bible Study Ministries

Tammy noted that in periods when our church was growing at its best, we had active prayer ministries and Bible study programs (including, but not limited to small groups). She is looking for ideas and input in getting these ministries back up and running. Mentioned Charlie Henry's prayer that God keep us energized – the tasks are great and the workers are few.

Heather Cook - Outreach/Witness – there are some new things coming up and she will email details as plans are finalized. One thing coming up in March is the opportunity to participate in Lighthouse for Life 5K run. Dale will put information on this in the church newsletter. She also reminded us that all of their meetings are open to anyone who wants to join.

Jennifer Wargel - Lay Leaders – thanked Nikki for stepping in to take over Abbie's duties. They are working to plan services going forward.

Weston Cheatham – Youth Group – has been on break over holidays, but are getting back to work next week to begin planning for spring.

Reports from the following Administrative Committees:

Dan Christmus – Finance – Thanked Tammy and Robert for all their work on getting pledges in and for the catered lunch on Consecration Sunday. Preliminary budget is ready and final will be available shortly.

Asked that we all keep praying for the finances of our church.

Robert Cox – went over preliminary budget. He told us that historically, what has been pledged has actually been received. Malachi 3:10 says “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this”, says the Lord Almighty “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” Based pm that, the Finance Committee decided to give one-tenth of what has been promised to us to pay a portion of our Apportionments.

Budget includes salary for a new Youth Director. After review and some discussion, the budget was approved by consensus. Larry Griner will send out to council members and to Dale and will send monthly version to Ryon.

Jane Scott – SPRC – committee is meeting in January to discuss salaries and to begin search for Youth Director.

Gil Johnson – Trustees – stated that the Hynds have filed for bankruptcy. They have an offer on their house and a potential buyer for a business property. We are third on the list to receive any proceeds from sales of any property behind the lien holders and the IRS, so it’s doubtful that we will see any repayment of the debt owed to us.

Gil also told us that Boy Scout settlement has been reached. This is going to cost the UMC ~ \$3M. We will still have Boy Scouts in our church, but the relationship has changed – we are just providing space for them to meet.

Robin Griffith – Report of the Pastor – With Lent beginning in February, Robin is looking for a Church-wide Lenten practice – maybe concentrated prayer or something similar. More information on this will be provided at a later date.

Ryon closed with prayer.

Minutes submitted by Karen Evans. NOTE: I had a very spotty connection during this meeting. If anything above is incorrect or incomplete, please let me know and I’ll submit an updated copy.