

First United Methodist Church
Council Minutes
July 24, 2018

Present: Joe Cearlock, Al Schumacher, Susann Schumacher, Joyce Staff, J.D. Vieregge, Amy Vieregge, Gene Schwarm, Bill LaDage, John Burnam, Calista Eyman, Patrick Myers, Mike Baker, Eric Miller, Zac Stombaugh, Alexa Campbell, Terry Westerfield, and Casey Kistler.

Absent: Pam Baker, Sydney Rosborough, Nicholas Rosborough, and Darrel Casey.

Chairperson Joe Cearlock called the meeting to order at 7:00p, and Pastor Terry offered prayer.

Joe Cearlock gave a devotion about making excuses.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes from the June meeting were approved as posted on the church's website.

Year-to-date financial statements were reviewed. The statements were accepted and will be filed as presented.

Committee Reports

Nurture: Calista Eyman reported that "Friends in Faith" will begin in August. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center for members to sign up to "adopt" a shut-in. The shut-in will first be contacted through a card with a letter. The letter will explain the new ministry and give them the option to opt out if they wish. Calista has spoken with a few of the shut-ins on our current list and said they are eager to get this started.

Outreach: Joyce Staff reported that the committee met last week. After their meeting, they filled zip-loc bags with the giveaways for "Backpack 2 School". Volunteers are needed the night of Backpack 2 School, Wednesday, August 8, from 4:00p to 6:00p at the Family Center. Area businesses have been very generous with their monetary donations this year. Joyce purchased 230 backpacks. The blessing box has been put in place. Pastor Terry will introduce the box on Sunday morning during worship. The mission team leaves this Sunday for Henderson Settlement after a lunch in Wesley Hall. Seven youth attended camp this year. Joyce has still been trying to contact Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham to set up a work day.

Witness: Susann Schumacher mentioned that the concert by Fourgiven Quartet was a success on July 14. 99 were present, 30 from our church. The committee served as greeters and ushers. A love offering was collected and totaled \$450.00. The church paid \$500.00 to Fourgiven Quartet for their performance. Their next project will be Teacher Appreciation platters.

Finance: No report.

United Methodist Men: There was no United Methodist Men meeting in July.

Preschool: Bill LaDage said 3 board members along with the two co-directors held interviews this morning for part-time help. A special meeting has been called for July 25 to hopefully hire part-time help. On August 2, the co-directors will meet with Mark Burnam to set their budget for 2018-2019. First day of school is August 15.

Lay Leader: No report.

Trustees: J.D. Vieregge said that the Trustees met on July 12. A new refrigerator for the Family Center will be purchased from Sears in the next couple weeks. They are checking on a shade for over at the playground, a tri-fold tarp. They've also discussed building a garage for the new bus and trailer. They're currently looking at the area beside the church where the old van was stored and adding on to it. J.D. spoke with Eric Miller and the cost would be around \$2,000.00 if they take this route. The Trustees will meet August 9 to vote on this. Members have inquired about needing a special endorsement on license to drive the new bus. A J2 or J3 endorsement is

required. To obtain this, you must go to DMV, take a driving test with new bus and pass, and pay a \$5.00 fee. If you currently have a CDL, you do not need this endorsement.

Columbarium Committee: No report.

Pastor's Report: Terry Westerfield reported that different groups of the church will be responsible for maintaining the Blessing Box (youth, Sunday School classes, choir, etc.) one month at a time. Non-perishable food items and hygiene items will be stocked. There will be rules and a sign posted on the box.

Pastor Terry talked about the possibility of integrating the Preschool budget into the church's General Fund budget. The teacher salaries would be included with church staff payroll. The Staff Parish Relations Committee would then be responsible for raises, etc. of the preschool staff rather than the Preschool Board. The Preschool Board would focus more on programming and curriculum. No final decision has been made on this yet. The council will need to act at a future meeting. "Before the Movie" advertising has been paid for and should be up around September.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, Joe adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.

The next meeting will be on August 28, 2018, at 7:00p in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Kistler