

First United Methodist Church of Waverly
Church Council Minutes
January 27, 2015

Attendance: (10) Sarah Wilson, Pastor Scott Shreve, Lon Hoppel, Bruce Sedivy, Mike Buchardt, Brian Ebke, Sondra Buell, DeLynn Hay, Pat McGill, Dianne Witmer, and Dawn Schomaker

Called to order by: Pastor Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. Pastor Scott shared Wesley Holy Club information and instructed everyone to get into small groups of 2 to discuss 3 of the questions the Wesley Holy Club answered every time they met.

Sarah Wilson officially called the meeting to order at 7:10.

MINUTES: Bruce moved that the minutes of the last meeting be approved. Lon seconded. The minutes were approved with no changes.

REPORTS:

Strategic Plan: Scott Shreve

- Assign goals to our program and administrative committees
 - Have committees report back on how they are looking into the goal they were assigned
- Is there one big goal for the council to address
- Figure out times to bring up what is going on with the goals
- Give permission for committees to break off smaller groups to achieve a goal
- Newsletter – highlight one
- Spin off adhoc group to take on one
- Mention at March Brunch
 - Go over goals and objectives

Finance: No Representative (Scott spoke)

- See sheet
- End of year income \$278,000
- End of year expenses \$264,000
- Started year off with about \$13,000 in general checking account
- Ended year with about \$26,000 in general checking account
- Paid all mission shares each month
 - Have already paid Jan 2015 mission shares
- Building/Elevator Loan
 - \$140,000
 - We have \$35,000 in reserve
 - Basically – we pay \$4,500 a month on the loan
 - About \$4,000 is toward principle
 - Done with loan at the end of 2016
- Today, including what has been paid out in January and income that has come in since this past Sunday, Jan 25
 - Checking account is about \$25,900
- Elevator
 - Gifts through the end of the year were \$243,000
 - Since last Sunday, \$2,700 more has come in
 - No more pledges to come in
 - People do still give undesignated amounts

- Total gifts were \$245,00 through today
- Took out loan for \$55,000
- So in the account is a total of about \$300,000
- Expenses to date are \$286,000
 - Everything has been paid
 - Have about \$14,000 left in Elevator account
 - This spring
 - Put in a ramp to the office door
 - Side walk work
 - Landscaping
 - Choir loft work
 - Should be about \$4,000 - \$5,000
 - Any leftover we will discuss what to do with
 - Maybe put toward the principle of the loan
- Everything dealing with the elevator is licensed and certified
 - Certificate from the State is in the elevator
- All items on the punch list have been taken care of

Education: Sondra Buell

- 3 teens are job sharing nursery position
 - In the process of going through Safe Sanctuaries
- Sunday school
 - Children are having assemblies throughout the month of February
 - Learning to serve God through our prayer, presents, gifts and service
 - Offering going to City Mission
 - Hygiene items and stuff for the rec center
- March 22 will have guest speaker from City Mission
 - Children will present gifts to him
- Fontanelle speaker is coming to visit about camping on March 8
- March 15 is Kid's Sunday
- CCF
 - CCF is going great
 - Couple of new students
 - Christmas party was out at the Bevan's
 - Need new snack server as AJ is no longer able to do it
- Committee met and are working on goals
 - Want to work on ways to teach the parents and involve the kids
 - Give them reasons to come to worship
 - Make them biblically bright in their decision making
 - Help them to be talk about their faith with their peers
- Have another brain storming session in February
- Have a great committee – gifted and eager

Evangelism: Dianne Witmer

- Met first Tuesday of January
- Going to try to do something every quarter
- February 8 is Soup & Bingo Night
 - Soup will be at 4:00
 - Bingo will be at 5:00
 - Started advertising

- Brunches every couple of months
 - Last brunch was great and raised over \$300
 - Money goes back into items such as the inflatables in July and paper products
- Second Quarter
 - Game afternoon in April
- Third Quarter
 - Super Summer Sunday
- Fourth Quarter
 - Hay rack ride
- Worship on the Green
 - Help with luncheon
- Fourth of July
 - Inflatables
- Will ask at the next meeting if they are planning on doing a Lenten Meal
- Have a good group, new people who are excited to do things

Garden Club: No representative

- Marjorie was at “Master Gardener” class this night
- Committee did meet and is putting together a plan

Memorial Committee: No representative

- Have not met

Mission Committee: DeLynn Hay

- Food Pantry
 - In 2014 we served 32 families, increase of 9 families from 2013
 - 62 adults, 63 children
 - 10 represent 1 adult
 - 17 families based in Waverly
 - 3 families in nearby communities
 - 12 families based in Lincoln
 - 15 families used it once
 - 14 families used it twice
 - 3 families used it three times
 - In 2013 we served 23 families
 - Had two majors drives at the end of 2014
 - High school
 - Christmas Tree Lighting
 - Shelves are empty
 - Will be going to the store to buy goods
 - Will talk with Tom and Lisa French from Dare to Share
 - Willing to buy when we really have needs
 - Send email and add to announcements to let people know
 - Canned meats are really needed
 - In January we have helped 6 families so far
 - In December we helped 8 families
 - Will be note in newsletter on items we need
 - Send out information in weekly email
 - Highlight canned meats

SPPRC: No representative

- Will have a meeting in March

UMM: Lon Hoppel

- Met on January 11
- Working on Mother's Day
 - The Gospel Airs group for the program
- Someone to install back stairs covers
- Next meeting is February 8 at the parsonage

Worship: No representative

- Next meeting is February 2

Trustees: Brian Ebke

- Trim trees
- Changed lights
 - In the front and back entrances
 - In the basement
- Fountain was leaking
 - Worked on it and seems to be fine
 - Fixed bar
- Gary Hailey looked at wheelchair access to choir loft
 - No change till summer
- Light in back stairwell is working again

UMW: Pat McGill

- Met in January
 - The program was on a call to prayer and self-denial
- February meeting
 - Program on pledging
- Theme this year is Welcomed by God, Welcoming All
 - Goes with Goal #1 or Goal #2
- Trying to encourage circles to increase their membership and reach out
- Sarah Wilson is putting the UMW Booklet together
- DeLynn added
 - The UMW Conference pledge \$600,000 in mission giving for 2014
 - Actually gave \$695,000

Youth Group: Scott Shreve

- District Ice Skating at Mahoney
 - 25 kids went
 - 6 or 7 adults driving
 - 6 High school youth went to "One Event" in Grand Island

Pastors Report: Scott Shreve

- January 21-22 clergy attend Clergy Meeting at St Mark's UMC
 - Beautiful opening worship was the Bishop
 - Closing worship was a UM pastor from the Great Plain who has been teaching at a seminary in Philadelphia for decades
 - Key note speakers
 - J Hansen, lead pastor, and Ann Mosarge, director of discipleship from The Chapel in Brunswick, Georgia

- Had break out groups
- Door hangers
 - IN relationship with Evangelism, talking to them next Tue, Feb 3
 - March 22 will put out door hangers in the Waverly/Greenwood area
 - Look into area in the northeast corner of Lincoln where there is a new housing development
 - Hangers will focus on Palm Sunday, Easter and VBS
- Friend Day is March 22
- Palm Sunday is March 29
- Easter is April 5
- Confirmation Sunday is April 26
- Attendance
 - December
 - 2014 average was 248
 - 2013 average was 229
 - 2012 average was 210
 - Annually in 2014 about 200 per Sunday
 - 189 in 2013
 - 178 in 2012
 - January 2015 off to a good start as compared to prior years

Other items

- Lenten dinners and Ash Wednesday starting on Feb 18
 - Parables and Lent will be the focus of worship
 - Will have handouts and devotionals
 - Will do a bible study
- Picture directory
 - Instant Church Directory for consideration of use
 - Password protected
 - Phone app
 - See about other churches in the area that use the software
 - How they break up
 - Cost \$120 year
- Fourth of July Parade Float
 - VBS Theme based
 - Who should be doing it
 - Church administrator
 - Committee
 - Should we do it all?
 - Reflections article in Feb or Mar
 - Need coordinator
 - See who responds
- Halloween – How might we participate?
 - Do we have a need
 - Keep on agenda
 - Should we do Trick or Treat for UNICEF
 - Has been talked about in CCF
- Article for Newsletter submitted by member about pregnancy issues
 - Should article be put in
 - Consensus is to stay away from subject

- Surplus of gifts over expensed in 2014
 - \$13,611 left over
 - Ideas
 - Upgrade technology in Sanctuary
 - Future staffing
 - Transition into Ministry, Associate Minister about \$80,000
 - We pay half
 - Get grant from Great Plains from donations from Lily Foundation
 - Do something in Mission right now
 - Grow up Trustees Emergency
 - Put into Council Earmark
 - Motion to create earmarked fund under Church Council by DeLynn
 - Second by Pat
 - Passed to create fund
- Lenten offering
 - Epworth Village, United Methodist Ministries and Della Lamb
 - Motion by DeLynn
 - Second by Bruce
 - Passed
- Church Council Meetings
 - Proposal to meet on odd months for 2015 and re-evaluate in December
 - Motion by Bruce
 - Second by Sondra
 - Can call special meetings when needed
 - Meeting to be held to 75 minutes
 - 4 for, 1 against
 - Motion passed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting: Mar 24, 2015 at 7:00