

First United Methodist Church of Waverly
Church Council Minutes
March 24, 2015

Attendance: (13) Veranda Johnson, Marjorie Shreve, Sarah Wilson, Pastor Scott Shreve, Lon Hoppel, Wanda Mandigo, Cheri Kaiser, Brian Ebke, Sondra Buell, DeLynn Hay, Jo Ann Dexter, Pat McGill, and Dawn Schomaker

Regrets: Christy Snyder, Al Blankenship, Bruce Sedivy, Dave Finken and Wanda Mandigo (she did show up after her other meeting)

Called to order by: Sarah Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Parlor.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Scott

MINUTES: Sondra moved that the January minutes be approved. Lon seconded. The minutes were approved with no changes.

REPORTS:

Strategic Plan: Scott Shreve

- Broke into 2 groups and went over plan

Finance: No Representative (Scott spoke)

- See sheet

Elevator: Scott Shreve

- See sheet
- Remaining to happen
 - Post Easter
 - work on the ramp leading to the office
 - stair steps going down to 143rd Street will be taken out and winding sidewalk put in
 - changes to choir loft to make it wheel chair accessible
 - After all work is done, it will be determined by the Finance Committee what to do with the money left

Education: Sondra Buell

- See sheet
- Fontanelle representative came to visit and talked about camping
 - Sent home flier with the kids
 - Put flier and scholarship application in the newsletter
- VBS is June 1-5
 - G-Force – God’s people on the move
 - Will start recruiting for VBS on Sunday, March 28
- First set of caterpillars died
 - Did receive replacements and are doing well
 - There is a curriculum to go along with the life cycle of the caterpillars
 - The Birth, the Life, the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus and how the caterpillars parallel that cycle
- Palm Branch Parade on Sunday, March 29
 - Meet in parlor and have teaching point before the kids go out

Evangelism: Cheri Kaiser

- April 19 will be an UNO/Pitch game night with Sloppy Joes
- Very successful Soup & Bingo Night
 - 50-60 people attended
 - Very intergenerational
- Worship on the Green on July 12
 - Luncheon and games to follow hosted by Evangelism
- July 4th will be inflatables then UMW Ice Cream Social
- May 17 will be the next brunch

Garden Club: Marjorie Shreve

- Met in March
- Starting to plant after Easter if weather permits
 - Potatoes, early vegetables (like lettuce)
- Threw in wild flowers
- Duane Heiden picked up a 250 gallon water tank
 - Veranda and youth painted black
- Hoping to get some of our engineers to install a drip water system

Memorial Committee: No representative

- Have not met this year

Mission Committee:

- Meeting Thursday night, March 26 for the first time this year
- Food Pantry – DeLynn Hay
 - We were down to bare shelves
 - Received contributions from lots of individuals
 - High School and Middle School donated food
 - English students doing a social action project that are going to collect
 - Farm Bureau will have a food race
 - FBLA Students had a free babysitting night and gathered food, Dave Finken dropped it off

SPPRC: No representative (Scott filled in for Al Blankenship)

- Will meet sometime between now and May 15
- Will be discussing Pastor Scott's annual evaluation as directed by the Conference

UMM: Lon Hoppel

- Hosting breakfast on 2nd Sunday at 7:45
- Mother's Day Breakfast
 - 7:30-8:30 am serving food
 - The Gospelaire group for the program
- Participating in Festival of Tables
- Pancake/French Toast Feed
 - 6:30 or 7:00 to 9:00 am
 - With Kiwanis
- Stairs are finished in the back stair well
 - Replace friction strips on stairs so all match
 - Replace molding

UMW: Pat McGill

- Meeting regularly
- Planning UMW Sunday on June 7
- Hoping to have Mini Mission u on May 30
 - Still negotiating
- Ice Cream Social on July 4
- Festival of Tables

Worship: Wanda Mandigo

- Easter Lilies and Bulbs will be here for Easter Sunday
- Palm Branches are here for next Sunday, March 29
- Decorations will go up on Saturday, March 28
 - Pam Owsley and other helping
- Mike Geiler is here on April 12 for both services
 - Mike will be doing pretty much the whole service
 - Kids will help sing
 - One of Nancy's kid groups at first service
 - Preschool to First Graders sing at the second service
 - No other choir
- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
 - The Choir will be doing a cantata called "The Shadow of the Cross"
 - Our own church members will be playing all the instruments this time
 - Alyssa Pracht, oboe
 - Maggie Doane, flute
 - Kayla Pracht, French horn
 - Becca Bevans, cello
 - Communion will be a part of it
 - Tenebrae Service

Trustees: Brian Ebke

- Spring cleaning is Saturday, March 28, at 9:00
- Leaking toilets are fixed
- Women's downstairs bathroom door has been adjusted to close faster
- Clint Schuler donated a fire proof safe for documents to be stored in
- Upcoming projects
 - Tim Sutter start working on projects after Easter
 - Move dirt to start ramp to office
 - Looking at underground sprinklers
 - Youth room ceiling, putting in drop ceiling
 - Won't start until after VBS
- After we use what we need out of the dirt pile, the rest will be gotten rid of
- Cracks in parking lot?
 - Have we looked into fixing them
 - Not yet

Youth Group: Veranda Johnson

- Working with Trustees on ceiling for Youth Room upgrade and updating other items in the room
- Awesome attendance
 - 20 kids for Lenten services
 - Both Senior High Youth and Middle School Youth

- Senior High lock-in
 - Had about 20 youth attended
 - 7 stayed over, only high school were allowed to stay
- Looking forward to end of year
 - Looking into having some sort of end of the year activity
- Looking into Summer activities

Pastors Report: Scott Shreve

- See Report
- Easter is April 5
- Mike Geiler on April 12
- April 26 will be the last of all choirs
 - 11:00 Service will be confirmation
- May 3 is Senior High Recognition at the 11:00 Service
- May 24 starts the 10:00 Summer Services, Memorial Day Weekend
- February attendance did not include the blizzard Sunday
- Attendance is going well year over year

Other items

- Photo Directory – Dawn Schomaker
 - Called and they will not release names of churches who use it
 - Can do 30 trial
- 4th of July Parade
 - Theme is Bible School related
 - Dawn is the chair of committee and the committee
 - We need someone to take it over and actually have a committee
 - Put in April and May newsletter to get help for float
- Halloween
 - See note about what other churches have done
 - Maybe do it on a Wednesday before
- Question: if items come up before next meeting what then?
 - Answer: we can call a meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 pm

Next Meeting: May 26, 2015 at 7:00