

Church Council Meeting  
May 19, 2019

Attendees:

Pastor Cheol, Judie Culy, Wayne Badsteubner, Debbie Miller-Harris, Stan Culy, Sandy Gallup, Sue Lessoff, Sylvia Yader, Steve Yader, Mel Bacha, Linda Shivers, Geoff Gerow

Pastor led opening prayer.

1. Trustee report was given by Sue Lessoff, see attached report.

All voted yes on Jacob proceeding with his Eagle Scout offer to build an outdoor worship area. Pastor offered to mow lawns and work with the group to accomplish that. Rest of report was an update.

Next Council meeting is a tentative on June 30<sup>th</sup> in case need right after service.

2. Pastor report was given by Pastor Cheol, see attached report.

Pastor brought up the conference he attended about not fixing the church but to create disciples. Asking the question "Why do you want to follow Jesus?" You will get your disciples. Pastor would like to hold a class at the church when he is ready.

3. Finance report was given by Judie Culy, see attached report.

Donations are down significantly and Judie felt it was from the Global Pledges. We are receiving \$10,000 less then we received last year.

Fundraising was brought up and especially the Strawberry Festival and if it was a go on June 15<sup>th</sup> then there is a lot to get done as it is a few weeks away. The note that some will be at conference and some will be gone on 6/15 was brought up. It was decided to proceed with June 15<sup>th</sup> with prep work on Friday/Friday night if needed, as more can help then. If everyone would sale 5 tickets from Church Council and as the congregation to do the same, then there would be a better head count for the fundraiser. That the price should be \$15.00 per person not the lower priced on the sheets. That market needs to be strong, Judie would like it to be in the paper. If the organizers cannot be there for the entire prep or set up then someone in leadership needs to be to help guide those that are not sure what the process is for prepping potatoes, strawberries or the other food along with the setup for the day of the event. Maybe a Bake Sale to help sale tickets, maybe after Music Fest.

The idea of a fundraiser committee be formed, Pastor, Steve, Judie and Eileen Gay would be the start of it, with a meeting to be schedule soon. That there be less small fundraiser and only a few larger ones in hopes to make more dollars at one time. Use social media more to get the word out.

That a central calendar be utilized to avoid conflicts with fundraisers.

The discussion about protecting funds that are earmarked to certain areas like Sunday School, music and other areas stay as funded and it was brought up that it has for years been used to pay the bills.

The church is at a point that we cannot rob Peter to pay Paul! We need to take this to the congregation so they are aware of what is happening.

Pastor will mow the lawn if the riding lawnmower can be fixed, Steve will look into how much to get the lawnmower working.

Pastor brought up the fact that District has discussed the First Quarter payment with him in the amount of \$30,000. Pastor asked that we understand that the District is just doing its job also.

District will be patient but it needs to be discussed to pay the church's bills before paying District.

Mission shares are about \$100 at this time that we have.

The envelope today was to be earmarked for any Christian educator funds.

4. Building Bridges was given by Stan Cully, see attached report.

Stan brought up the meeting about the LGBT on 5/22 at 7:00 p.m. at the church led by Nat Woodruff and Stan Culy.

Stan presented his report and it was discussed that more might be learned at conference where District is going with the 1972 statement. Then the church can decide the process that they want to follow. It was noted that the Methodist North has had a flag out for some time.

5. New Business:

Bible study needs to start again.

Clergy meeting regarding District asking for meeting there were several that brought this up at that meeting.

Judie said that anyone that wanted to see the numbers to feel free to ask her as she can provide them.

Publicity with the Bulletin Board, choir, Grove Street and other ways is helping, but need more.

Pastor reiterated that he will be working on setting up a class on discipleship in the near future.

The LGBT matter what ever process is chosen needs to have a positive goal with a good understating that includes our younger group that all was done that could be.

Meeting closed.

Debbie Miller