

**Signal Crest United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
August 18, 2019**

1. **In Attendance: See attached roster of attendees.**
2. **Devotion.** Josh Kilbourne, Senior Pastor, opened the meeting with a devotion discussing how every meeting should start with a prayer, and that such a prayer should not be a nod to God but instead is a chance to center ourselves on the Lord. Josh then led a prayer.
3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** The July Church Council meeting minutes were submitted for approval. Lisa Andrews made a motion to approve, and Mike Garvich seconded the motion. The July 2019 meeting minutes were then unanimously approved.
4. **Finance Update.** Alison Maynard provided that the income was published in the bulletin. Josh contributed that the new accountant is fully caught up, and is now working on cleaning up account codes and creating new codes that are needed. This work progresses us towards being able to report accurately on expenses for the year.

Kristy Stewart noted that an Impact Report+mailing is going out to those who are active in the church but have not pledged or given to the church this year.
5. **Stewardship Update and Next Campaign.** Kirby Johnson presented the report. Traditionally churches have held stewardship campaigns in the fall, but Signal Crest recently has held its campaign in January/February. The Stewardship Committee will likely move to a fall campaign, as that will aid in the budgeting process. The committee also considered how to end the year strong and open a new campaign. Josh will be doing a four-part sermon series on stewardship in November.
6. **Facilities.** An inquiry was made regarding replacement of the wooden Signal Crest UMC sign in front of the church that is aging. The trustees are discussing options and working on estimates. Lisa Andrews expressed thanks that the permanent stone sign at the corner of Laurel Street has been cleaned and the bushes cut back.

An inquiry was also made regarding the possibility of adding a second sign at the entrance to the main parking lot. This will be discussed in the future.
7. **Draft Music Fund Policy Vote.** Paul Jensen reviewed the main points of the proposed Music Fund policy that was originally presented in the July Council meeting. The primary points presented were that the policy:
 - Establishes the process for handling money.
 - Defines what is a contribution to the Music Fund.
 - Assigns the Director of Music as the key person to keep track of donations and sign off on requests for expenditures.

- Details the Music Fund approval process, which is similar to the previously approved Memorial Fund process. The Director of Music first approves the request, then the Trustees determine if the request is appropriate, the Finance Committee confirms that the funds are available, and then Church Council votes on final approval.
- Makes the Director of Music responsible for ensuring the funds are spent as intended.

Each church fund has some difference in procedures because each fund has nuances, and so we are doing a deep dive into each fund. At some point in the future it may make sense to revise procedures further.

Kristy Stewart asked if there was any difference for the contemporary versus the traditional service in terms of the Music Fund. Paul responded that as long as the money is used for music then the new procedure should be used.

Allison Maynard made a motion to approve the new Music Fund policy, and Kathy Robertson seconded. The new Music Fund policy was unanimously approved. Kristy Stewart informed the Council that the new policy would be on the website, and that forms to request an expenditure would be in the church office.

8. **Pastor's Report.** Josh Kilbourne, Senior Pastor, presented the Pastor's report. The Charge Conference will be November 17 at 6:30 pm. The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee is working to fill vacancies on committees, and will present the full list of committee members for approval at that meeting. The Finance Committee will begin the budgeting process for 2020 soon.

A Fully Devoted+ class is being finalized, and videos discussing the class will be showing in all three services. Equipped Disciples+ was the emphasis in today's services, and the current series will wrap up with services covering Practiced Hospitality.+ Josh discussed that people are noticing and commenting on the improvement in hospitality, and that we want to grow to have a culture of hospitality. On September 8 Josh will begin a narrative lectionary, and there will be a reading guide to go along with the sermons.

Josh is also conducting listening sessions, and very much wants to hear what people like best about Signal Crest UMC, and what they would like to see happen. He desires to have the church grow together, and have people come together. All members are encouraged to attend one of the listening sessions.

Paul Jensen asked, in context of Trusted Leadership, if it makes sense to do monthly or regular features on the staff. Kristy provides that Missions would also like to do a monthly spotlight.

The next two Church Council meetings will be September 22 and October 20. It is possible that another Council meeting will need to be scheduled ahead of the Charge Conference.

The meeting was closed with prayer led by Senior Pastor Kilbourne.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Steve Strickler, Secretary

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Lisa Andrews LISA ANDREWS

Drew Barton _____

June Bilbrey _____

Hugh Bullock _____

Tina Close _____

Tom Cofer _____

Rachael Dow _____

Rebekah Ducote _____

Kelly Eller _____

Mike Garvich MIKE GARVICH

Patrice Glass _____

Carla Helm _____

Sherry Hubbard Sherry Hubbard

Paul Jensen Paul Jensen

Josh Kilbourne Josh Killame

Kirby Johnson _____

Colin Johnson _____

Lynn Lancaster _____

Doranne Lane _____

Allan Ledford _____

Bill Leonard _____

Allison Maynard Allison Maynard

John Maynard, Jr. _____

Taylor Moore _____

Jeff Norwood _____

Anne Pitts _____

Kathy Robertson Kathy Robertson

Kristin Robertson Kristin Robertson

Mark Smith Mark Smith

Kristy Stewart _____

Steve Strickler *[Signature]*

David Tonahill _____

Bill Thornton _____

Carole Waller _____

Marti Wayland *Marti Wayland*

Please print name and sign

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