

## Administrative Council Minutes--April 23, 2021

**Attending:** Tom Frost, Sharon Wormser, Janet Stargell, Ellen Pitts, Bob Warring, Mary Curtis Ott, Ann Hamner, Staci Hainsworth, Lora Hooper, Alice Sorum.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Tom said he is excited about the appointment of our new pastor, Laura Stratton. We will be working with her to make decisions about the future of our online services and continue discussion concerning the hiring of a tech support person, children's aide and a Worship leader. He is also pleased with the "Storybook process" that Roger and Debbie formulated to introduce the congregants to Pastor Laura.

**Secretary's report:** The March minutes were approved. Janet reported on the action item concerning a tech support person. The Worship team will meet next week to develop an ad for this position;.

**Chair's report:** Sharon asked that we be in prayer as we search for a volunteer to assume the position of Treasurer in July.

We hope to resume our third Sunday after church council meetings in July.

We voted to cancel our movie license since we aren't able to gather for movies during Covid. We may renew the license in the future.

Sharon asked that we bring a list of summer and fall activities that we may tentatively schedule.

**Christian Education:** Ellen reported that they are planning an outreach children's ministry to begin in the fall. More details will be forthcoming.

**SPRC:** Bob Warring asked that we review the amended Employee Policy document and be prepared to vote next week.

**Trustees:** Ann reported on the parsonage clean up and work. Many tasks have been accomplished by the trustees and we had dedicated volunteers on the two Saturday workdays. Much attention has been given to the yard, flowerbeds, garage and driveway. The inside has been cleaned and windows washed. The fuel tanks at the parsonage have been filled. We will have a maintenance contract with Albemarle Heating and Air for the parsonage. There will be some last minute work to do before the new pastor moves in.

At the church the pit has been filled. The fence will be completed soon and the trustees will be painting some doors and fixing windows in the near future.

**Worship:** Janet reported that the team will meet next week to develop an ad for a tech support person based on our current needs..

**Finance:** Lora reported that tithes and offerings were slightly higher than budget in March (third month in a row!) but are 20% lower than the same period last year. Investments below budget primarily due to lower deferred investment income required to cover expenses. Cash on hand for church operating and one time expenses is \$36,000. Designated Fund balances for church missions, ministries and projects is \$12,300.

A fourth student registered for preschool for 2021-2022 school year; three have paid their registration. The Caldwell Fund value was \$375,400 at the end of March.

Lora reminded us that church was cancelled three Sundays which affects tithes and offerings.

Projects and additional employees, approved as part of the 2021 budget, require funds from the Caldwell Fund.

She said we appreciate all the work Ron has done as treasurer.

**Worship:** Janet reported that the Worship team will meet next week to finalize an ad for a tech support person and talk about fall events.

**Mission:** Staci and Ann reported that SUMC has donated \$500 to UMCORE. There are now 20 men participating in the Hope Beyond Bars program. Twelve are participating in the Bible study. Four scholarships have been awarded for the Bible study, one with a full scholarship. One inmate has received help since release.

**Preschool Covenant:** After reviewing the Preschool Covenant, the council voted to accept it with a few changes. The Board of Directors shall consist of three directors appointed by the church for terms of not more than two years. Under operation, the map and room numbers for preschool will be revised.