

**CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

Russ Milheim opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Russ Milheim	Rob Carter	Wayne Welsh
Keith Akins	Sharon French	Norma Bradbury
Kellee Milheim	Bertie McConnell	

Pastor Carter began the meeting with devotion from Mark 3:31 and prayer.

The minutes from the last council meeting were passed out and read. Several grammar errors were corrected. The last sentence under Financial Report had, “however our apportionments are not paid up” added. Committee Day was changed after the word and to “not held until decision to streamline committees is made”. On the second page the third paragraph was changed to read “Kellee asked if we could hold a Southern Maryland leadership event rather than attend one in Columbia.” Change the first sentence under Pastors Items to read “Pastor Carter is planning a survey regarding Disciple Bible study”. Kellee made a motion to accept minutes with corrections and Norma seconded.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Keith briefed the financial status with the attached budget. The apportionment is \$11,714.65 in arrears but we are gaining ground. The funding of the HVAC by the congregation is still \$2,200 short.

ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING:

The minutes from council meetings are being posted on the church web site.

Wayne presented highlights of the last council meeting at church service but felt this was not the proper forum. Instead of presenting at church service the bulletin will have an announcement when the minutes will be available on the web site.

Holding council meetings on Sundays with dinner or after Sunday school has been put on hold for now.

Keith found a calendar to use on the church web site and will show Mildred how to use tomorrow (Sep 17th). The only folks with access for now are Pastor Carter, Keith Akins, and Mildred. The calendar will have different colors for such things are fund raisers, etc.

Spiritual gifts training will be done by Wayne Welsh. Wayne has the material and he will first promote with his Sunday school class and see if there are enough folks interested. Class sizes can only be 7 or 9 people.

Wayne tried to find a web site with church committee pamphlets but could not. The books in the catalog were too expensive. He suggested lay leadership use the Book of

Discipline and make up small leaflets with duties and responsibilities of church committees.

Pastor Carter briefed that Cheryl Merkle is updating the visitor pamphlets.

FALL FESTIVAL: Funds collected during yard sale will be donated to church.

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT: Another survey needs to be sent out at beginning of year to see if any changes have occurred.

UPDATE ON MUSIC DIRECTOR POSITION: Two candidates have applied. One has been interviewed and the other will be interviewed with Cheryl Merkle returns from vacation.

SAFE SANCTUARY UPDATE: Kellee has received copies of Shiloh and Good Shepherd's safe sanctuary. At the Oct 2nd meeting Calvary's will be completed. This needs to be done by this date since charge conference is Oct 18th.

COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR 2009: The meeting is scheduled for Sep 18th. Packages need to be completed at this meeting in order to have ready for council approval on Oct 14th and then presented at charge conference on Oct 18th.

PASTORS ITEMS:

He has not received a lot of responses to the disciple bible survey.

The folks that meet on Fridays for CODA (co dependents anonymous) would like to change their meeting night to Wednesdays. It is only 4-6 folks and they could use a classroom. The trustees have agreed already.

Church leadership training is being offered at Mt Zion beginning Sep 27th for 6 weeks. This is 1 Saturday and 5 Tuesdays. The cost is \$35.

The Bishop will be at La Plata UMC on Sep 29th from 7-9:30 p.m. Anyone may attend this meeting.

Pastor Carter compared the attendance last July and August to the attendance for July and August 08. Last year during these months we averaged 40 people at the 9:00 service and 90 at the 11:00 service. During the same months this year we average 92 people at the 9:30 service.

Pastor Carter asked about attending a traditional worship for contemporary people workshop in Houston TX. The date is Nov 11-13 and the cost for registration is \$195. He would need airfare and lodging also. There are still funds in the budget for professional training and Shiloh would help. Wayne made a motion to allow Pastor Carter to register for workshop and Kellee seconded. All were in favor.

The agenda for the next council meeting will be charge conference. Charge conference is Oct 18th at Shiloh UMC and will start at 10:30 a.m.

The next council meeting is Oct 14th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 with prayer.

Kathy Peters
Secretary