

First Methodist Church Council Minutes  
Morehead City, NC  
February 28, 2024, 7 pm  
Large Conference Room

The First Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Dykeman Baily, John Civils, Larry Hughes, Joe Kirk, Alan Leary, Fletcher Poulk, John Floyd, Jennifer Hill, Patrick Whaley, Kim McCoury, Loretta Baily & Powell Osteen.

Fletcher opened the meeting with prayer and presented a devotional. A motion was made by Larry Hughes to approve the minutes from the January Meeting. It was seconded by Dykeman Baily and all agreed.

Finance Report: John Floyd

- Statement made that interest rates on current loans are low, and there was not an effort to pay off loans early.
- The balance for the FMC Operating account is \$294,001.13, FMC Money Markey account: \$508,197.74, FMC Capital \$82,775.92 & Truist Bank account: \$213,788.43.
- The January 2024 Financials were reviewed.
- Rogers CPA is in process of reviewing 2023 books and the committee is in talks with a different firm to review and audit the 2022 books.
- Requests were made to collapse the Memorial line item and transfer to Scholarships, & to spend down the funds in restricted budget.
- January's restricted budget and Trustees budget are in the green.

Trustees Report- Dykeman Baily

- The Trustee committee did not meet in February as the date coincided with Valentines Day & Ash Wednesday.
- 906 Bridges Street demolition is complete, and the lot is covered in dirt.
- There will be an upcoming CDL Training for any drivers who will be driving the new bus. The date is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Church will pay fees for the driver: \$500 per person plus a drug test.
- The elevator will be upgraded in April. They will be getting a rough quote to replace the elevator at the 9<sup>th</sup> street entrance.
- The parking lot on Bridges Street is in progress for paving. Dykeman is going to follow-up with their contact. They will need an estimate for the design work.
- The dimmer on the choir loft chandelier is needing repair in time for Good Friday service.
- A safety committee is being formed to audit the process and procedures for safety on the Church campus. The goal is for inside ushers to have IPADS showing active cameras and 2-way radios for communication. All current doors are recording. The ELC Cameras record on a 2-week basis.
- There will be CPR training and defibrillator training.

Staff Parish Committee- Powell Osteen

- Parker Morris is taking a leave of absence from being the chairperson of this committee.
- Myles Spencer has been hired as a music intern. This is being funded by the Rachel Mundine Fund that was set-up at her passing.
- The church is looking for a business/operations manager. Talks are in progress regarding publicizing this job posting. The church is utilizing Carly Lockey and her job placement service. A job description and expectations will be built for this position and all positions on staff.

- Pastor Sarah is going to be taking 12 weeks maternity leave. There is a hope that the church will require a temporary intern to facilitate with this departure. She is currently attending a 3-day conference at Ridgecrest.

#### Worship- Larry Hughes

- The Lenten Worship Services are in progress. We are preparing for Holy week which includes Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) with a Last Supper Presentation prepared by Phil & Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>).
- There will be 6 services on Easter Sunday (March 31<sup>st</sup>)
- The parking lot across the street from the church is currently a pay lot but is available to the Church on Sunday morning. Attendees can also park at the History Museum along with the other main lots.

#### Missions- Jennifer Hill

- The mission committee will be meeting quarterly and has their first meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- There are plans in place to discuss mission moments at our services and a Mission fair in April or May.

#### Other Business:

- The Service of One will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at West Carteret High School.
- VBS will be held the last week of June due the change in the school system schedule. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day for VBS Registration
- Project MHC will be held over 2 days in June.
- A new member will be confirmed over the following Sunday.
- Comments from other council members:
  - o John Civils- Lenten Services have been meaningful.
  - o Alan Leary- There have been 50+ in attendance at 8:30 RISE service.
  - o Kim McCoury- Easter Yard Signs will go out on March 18<sup>th</sup>. There are 50 routes.
  - o Patrick Whaley- He continues to see many elderly and meet with caretakers of the elderly.