

First Methodist Church Council Minutes
Morehead City, NC
January 24, 2024

The First Methodist Church Council met on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Dykeman Baily, Claudia Beamon, John Civils, Mary Day, Jennifer Hill, Larry Hughes, Joe Kirk, Mike Kinney, Alan Leary, Sandra Norris, Fletcher Poulk, Patrick Whaley, and Sarah Williams.

Patrick opened the meeting with prayer. Fletcher presented a devotional. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November meeting. It was seconded and all agreed.

Finance Report: Mike Kinney

- Mike reviewed the Financial Statement for the month and year ended December 31, 2023. The report was prepared by Rogers & Company, CPA. The year ended with an abundance.
- A motion was made to accept the assumption of the two loans from First Citizens Bank as the properties and loans were received from First United Methodist Church of MHC, Inc. Effective 1/1/24. It was seconded and all agreed.

Trustees: Dykeman Baily

- The slate entrance steps to the Sanctuary will be repaired and sealed on a regular basis.
- Still working to clear the Rachel Mundine deed.
- Downspout repairs are complete.
- Elevator upgrades are planned.
- 906 Bridges Street house is now vacant. The permitting process has begun. Asbestos removed will begin soon. Garrison will demolish and remove debris.
- Security cameras have been added.
- May add low lighting to the Columbarium area.
- ELC playground will be upgraded.
- A motion was made to forgive ELC \$16,000 debt to the church to help fund playground upgrade.
- Discussing cleaning and sealing the Atrium flooring.
- Trustees approved the purchase of a 24 passenger van for \$129,700. The Council agreed.

Staff Parish Relations: Sarah Williams

- Added a Rise musician--Rob Blackwell.
- Looking for a part time organ assistant.

Worship: Larry Hughes

- The Worship Committee will meet in February to go over the 2024 schedule.
- Ash Wednesday, February 14 will have an 11:00 am and 6:00 pm service in the Sanctuary. This marks the first day of the Lenten season.
- Lenten lunches begin February 20 at 12:10 in the Sanctuary.

Waverunners: Claudia Beamon

- The Dutch Lunch at Southern Salt was held on Sunday, January 21. 23 attended.

- The Waverunner Committee has met and planned its 2024 activities.

Other Business: Sarah Williams

- The Service of One, originally planned for February 11, has been changed to May 19 at the West Carteret High School and includes a box lunch.
- Project MHC is planned for June 10 - 12.
- VBS is planned for June 24 - 28. It is much earlier this summer because Carteret County has changed their school calendar.
- Pastor Powell is offering The Chosen Season Three on Mondays at 7:00 pm or Tuesdays at 1:30 pm beginning February 19.

Sarah closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting will be February 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Norris