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Church Council Minutes
March 27, 2024

The Church Council of the First Methodist Church, Morehead City, met on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm. Members present were Dykeman Baily, John Civils, John Floyd, Jennifer Hill, Larry Hughes, Alan Leary, Sandra Norris, Pastor Powell, Fletcher Poulk, Matt Ritchie, Patrick Whaley, and Sarah Williams.

Pastor Powell opened the meeting in prayer and Fletcher delivered a devotional. Larry Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. It was seconded and all agreed.

Finance: John Floyd

- The February 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed.
- The Church has two loans that will mature in 2031.
- The Finance Committee is developing an Investment Policy Statement.

Nominations of Committees: Fletcher Poulk

Members have been nominated to serve on the following committees: Staff Parish, Finance and Trustees. John Civils made a motion to accept the committee members presented at the meeting and Jennifer Hill seconded the motion. All agreed.

Trustees: Dykeman Baily

- The Finance Committee approved \$8,200 to purchase a cooker/grill for Waylon's food ministry.
- The third floor shower is being repaired.
- Trees are being removed from the Mundine property in Havelock. The deed to this property is still in the process of being cleared so the Church can sell it.
- Elevator maintenance is being done.
- The Trustees are working on increasing lighting in the Arendell St. parking lot.
- The Trustees are looking into replacing the east windows in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Church will soon be needing another columbarium unit. The Trustees are looking at low level lighting in the existing Columbarium area.

Staff Parish: Pastor Powell and Matt Ritchie

The Church is currently searching for a Director of Operations. This position would be responsible for Human Resources, Finance, and Facility Management. A job placement service has been hired to perform the search.

Missions: Jennifer Hill

- The Missions Committee met on March 11 with full attendance.

- Three missions will be presented to the congregation on three Sundays. The missions are Habitat for Humanity, Ecklessia and Back Pack Blessings.
- A Mission Fair is planned to be held in the Loft and will include light breakfast.
- The committee is looking for volunteers for Family Promise, Hospice House and Rise Against Hunger.

Worship: Larry Hughes

- Lenten services and lunches have been well attended this season.
- There will be six Easter services on March 31. Sunrise is at 6:45 in the Courtyard, Traditional is at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00. The Rise is at 8:30 and 9:45.
- Service of One will be held on May 19 at West Carteret High School Auditorium at 10:30.

Other Business:

- Saturday is an Easter egg hunt at Camp Albemarle at 10:45.
- The Costa Rica mission trip is July 20 – 27.
- Graduating Seniors will be honored on May 5.
- Pastor Powell asked that we keep the Leonard family in our prayers. Pastor Nate Leonard is planning to preach at his Easter service. Pastor Powell wants our church to set up a fund for the family for any future needs.

Fletcher Poulk closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting is April 24.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Norris