

First Methodist Church
Morehead City, NC
Church Council Minutes

The Church Council met on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Members in attendance were: Dykeman Baily, John Civils, Mary Day, John Floyd, Jennifer Hill, Larry Hughes, Joe Kirk, Alan Leary, Sandra Norris, Fletcher Poulk, Matt Ritchie, and Patrick Whaley.

Patrick opened the meeting in prayer and Fletcher presented a devotional. A motion was made to approve the April minutes after one change is made. The change is under Missions. High schoolers should be changed to high schoolers and middle schoolers. The motion was seconded and all agreed.

Finance: John Floyd

- John reviewed the April Financial Report.
- He is working with the CPA firm to make improvements to the Church's financial reporting.
- A motion was made to provide financial assistance to Pastor Nate of the Baptist Church in the amount of \$5,000 from Abundance.
- A motion was made to provide \$10,000 for scholarships from restricted funds (Special Gifts #3).
- A motion was made to provide \$10,000 for the Costa Rica mission trip from Abundance pending need.
- These motions were seconded and all agreed.

Trustees: Dykeman Baily

- Awaiting the legal conclusion of the Mundine property. Dyke said he expected the deed to be cleared by the end of the summer.
- Elevator upgrade has been completed.
- Trying to make the final decision on fencing for the ELC playground.
- Fellowship Hall window replacement will be done in July.
- Continuing to work on restroom issues.
- The exterior of the Sanctuary needs to be sealed. This should be done every three years to prevent moisture infiltration.
- The trustees voted to add canopies over the Narthex and Bridges Street entrances.
- Waiting for a second quote for the Columbarium area lighting.

Staff Parish Relations: Matt Ritchie
A Staff Parish meeting is planned for June 5.

Missions: Jennifer Hill

- The Missions fair was held and was sparsely attended.
- Jennifer reported that she has had several new volunteers sign up.
- The Missions Committee is meeting of June 17. This committee meets quarterly.
- Looking for a leader for Hospice House meals.

- Looking for ways to bring awareness to all the different missions going on at the Church.
- The Global Methodist Church has created Kenya-Ethiopia Disaster Relief Team in response to flooding in this area. A motion was made to make a financial contribution of \$2,000 to this need. It was seconded and all agreed.

Patrick Whaley:

- Fletcher will preach at the 8:30 and 9:45 Rise services this coming Sunday.
- David Banks will preach at both Traditional services this Sunday.

Alan Leary:

There has been an average of 70 people in attendance at the early Rise service. The 9:45 Rise has as many as 200 in attendance.

John Civils:

The Service of One was very well done but John said the attendance was a little disappointing.

Fletcher closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting is June 26.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Norris