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AUMC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2014

ATTENDING: Stan Woodle, Brad Dusenbury, Bucky Jordan, Heather Hendrick, Don Hopson, Glenda Hopson, Beth Davis, David Parker, Pat Parker, Sylvia Page, Rachel Dawsey, Betty Peavy, Darrell Ricketts, Ken Chandler, Pastor Joyce Murphy, Steve Wiesen, and Gary Altman.

Gary opened with prayer.

Stan's devotion was on witnessing---we are to be a witness for Jesus Christ--it is our responsibility to be a good witness. Scripture-Matthew 17:2

Minutes presented: Darrell motioned to accept; David seconded. Carried.

UMM: David-Regular meeting second Thursday, November 14, 7PM at church. Power of Prayer November 16, 4 to 7PM; encourage men to attend; recruit all ages-guest speakers; David has registration forms, no fee.

Trustee: Darrell- kitchen almost done--equipment in; coming along, feel good about progress; grill to be redone but usable.

Evangelism: Gary- need few more members--need people who are able to go out; reach outside walls active and working. **Worship**---revival thrust in the works.

UMW: Beth--UMW will be going to Stephen's on November 14; December meeting -- exchange Christmas ornaments.

Forever Young: will go to Aynor Inn; November 20 will leave church at 10AM to go to Socastee High School; December 10 lunch at church.

SPRC: Pat--Staff parish committee at good place--evaluation on Preacher complete--everything good. Business as usual.

Finance: Brad--Operating account \$21,713.00 (up); Building Fund \$45,536.00 (down)

Budget presented: recommended 3% increase in Administrative Assistant Salary (1 hr.); Pat to get increase--Darrell motioned with pending recommendation; Steve seconded; carried.

Missions: Don -- 3 people went on West Va. trip; thanks for support; 30 families helped with food. Area grocery store helped by allowing us to buy food at lower cost. Clothes given out Saturday morning--everything taken. People very appreciative. Provided cold cuts Saturday evening with Prayer meeting after. AUMC will have an Angel Tree in December and will participate in Operation Shoe Box. Next Mission trip to Guatemala will be in March (Tommy Andrew and Don Hopson will be going)

Youth: Bucky--Joyful Noise Choir to begin practice. Bounce House at Hoe Down a success; Winter Trip to Hebron. Guys weekend planned---for younger men and have older men to speak--"How to be men of Christ."

Music: Sylvia -- Veteran's Day program November 9 at 4PM--practicing for Christmas.

Pastor Joyce: Church now has visitor gift packs and these will be taken and given out when Pastor Joyce visits. She shared that we have been given much; and we can give much by saying that we give everything over to God. She challenged group to pray every day for God to show us what He would have us do for Him everyday.

Rachel shared with group that Joe Peavy's sister's (Betty) funeral would be on Wednesday at Hillcrest Chapel from 12 to 1PM. Pastor Joyce lifted family in prayer.

Gary led group in singing "There's something about that Name!" (Jesus)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Hopson

AUMC COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 2014

Attending: Stan Woodle, Brad Dusenbury, Heather Hendrick, Don Hopson, Glenda Hopson, Beth Davis, David Parker, Pat Parker, Rachel Dawsey, Pastor Joyce Murphy, Betty Peavy, Carlisle Dawsey, Ken Chandler, Derek Dawsey, Pam Dyson, Gary Altman, Peachey Jordan, Steve Weisen, Sara Floyd.

Carlisle opened meeting with prayer.

Stan's devotion "What a day that will be when Jesus I see!" Stan encouraged group to make sure that we will be prepared to meet Jesus.

Minutes: Don - Mission trip to W. Va. will be Oct 17-19 or Oct. 24-26. More information to follow. Emphasis on linens and winter clothing and food to families in need.

Mission trip to Guatemala scheduled for March 13-23, 2015. Plans to provide fluoride treatments to children at school beside hospital where team will be working. Also to provide toothbrushes and toothpaste; also reading glasses.

Family Ministries: Pam - Sept. 7 - Recognize softball team & honor Wilbur Huggins for years of service (food-hot dog supper); Oct. 26 Trunk a Treat 6PM menu to be determined; Nov. 23 Thanksgiving meal-congregation to provide trimmings

UMM: David - men to meet Sept. 11 at 7PM--all men encouraged to attend. Nov. 16, men's event, The Power of Prayer (4PM till 7PM)

Trustees: Darrell Ricketts not present--Steve read Trustee Report that Darrell had prepared (see attached)

Evangelism: Gary - committee has not met Worship committee to meet again in coming weeks

UMW: Beth - Women will meet in Sept.; working on hats & blankets to send on Guatemala mission trip in March. Will be working on other things during the year.

Forever Young: Beth - went to McBee to get peaches (14 went); great fellowship & good time as well as good food.

SPRC: Pat - nothing new to report

Finance: Brad - Operating Account \$21,000.00 (up); Building Fund \$57,000.00 (down)--still a little behind. Paying bills.

Pastor Joyce: Visitor Cards created by Wendy & David Parker; Wendy put together a Welcome Packet; teachers needed for children--commit to pray for our witness to our children. She asked officers of church to remember our responsibility to reach others for Christ & special outreach to children. She asked that we pray and trust God to bring the increase. Pastor Joyce prayed.

After prayer meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Hopson
Recording Secretary

Trustee Chairman's Report
Church Council Meeting
August 25, 2014

First, let me apologize for not being there this evening and for missing the last meeting. Since my mother fell and broke her neck in June, we have had her in a nursing home and I have had to spend additional time in Abbeville taking care of my dad and their business. Please keep my family in your prayers.

The Trustees have been busy throughout the summer with our kitchen renovation project. When we began it was impossible to anticipate some of the hurdles we have had to overcome and adjustments we have made to what seemed like a simple plan. We began with delays with the building permit due to the church being a "commercial" building. Once construction began, we encountered the old septic tank directly under the addition's foundation which required additional permits and engineering. When the project began, it was our goal to update the facility to meet current DHEC requirements for facilities preparing meals for the public (which includes our congregation.) Several years ago at another church a meal was prepared for a fundraiser and several individuals who purchased plates became sick. It was found that the church kitchen did not meet regulations which has caused DHEC to look closer at churches. We contracted with Lance Restaurant Equipment in Little River to supply and install our equipment so that we would meet the current guidelines. This has required coordination between our contractor, Mickey Howell, and that company which has not always been easy. We were expecting installation of the hood ventilation system last week, but because of the unique pitch of our roof, the roof top vent had to be custom made by the manufacturer. We hope that it will come in this week and can be installed. We had a delay in getting matching brick since the color and pattern on the existing building was discontinued. We also had to upgrade the hot water tank to an "on-demand" system for the future addition of a commercial dish washer which was requested by the United Methodist Women. We are waiting on the installation of an underground gas tank by Jerry Cox to operate the commercial stove, hot water heater, and gas grill. It will be installed once the new patio is poured in the next few weeks.

With all of that said, we are actually in good shape as far as finishing the kitchen. The walls should be finished and painted in the next two weeks, the floor will be installed in the next few weeks, and the cabinet maker is almost finished with the cabinets. All work should be complete and ready for use by the end of September. A wedding is scheduled for September 6 and I have informed the mother of the bride that the kitchen will not be available for use. The fellowship hall will be available for her and I will strive to have the kitchen room useable for storing the food and serving but no food preparation.

In addition to the kitchen project, several additional items have been completed. The Memory Wall was installed in the parlor in July and we have received several positive comments on how it looks. We will order additional leaves this week to bring it up to date and will add the deceased members for last year on All Saints Sunday. Steve Weisen has replaced the candle sleeves on all the chandeliers and side lights in the sanctuary. A broken pew and loose piece of trim have been repaired in the sanctuary. During the next few weeks the shrubbery will be trimmed, missing shrubs replaced, the sign landscaped, and pine straw put out. We have a large facility and it seems that there is always something that needs to be done.

Thank you for your support of the Trustees. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to support the ministry of the church by taking care of God's facilities.

Your brother in Christ,

Darrell Ricketts, Chair
Board of Trustees

AUMC COUNCIL MINUTES

July 7, 2014

Attending: Brad Dusenbury, Bucky Jordan, Pat Parker, David Parker, Don Hopson, Heather Hendrick, Beth Davis, Sarah Whitner, Rachel Dawsey, Pastor Murphy, Sylvia Page, Betty Peavy, Glenda Hopson, Stan Woodle.

Stan called meeting to order; Pat Parker opened with prayer.

Peachey Jordan called--gave Trustee report for Darrell Ricketts via phone: grass contract awarded; roof completed except kitchen; parking and update on kitchen--should be finished by end of August.

Stan read from 1 Corinthians chapter 2--we are to be ready to give account and we should be seeking God's will by reading and studying His Word.

Minutes presented: David motioned to accept; Sylvia seconded.

Missions: Don - W. Va. trip went great--30 people (11 from Little River; 7 scouts plus leader; and 11 from AUMC)--scouts got involved--Little River group impressed and saw need, eager to start up their own mission team. 50 bags of good were given out or delivered--90 to 100 people fed hot dogs and hamburgers--song service afterwards. On Sunday on return trip--stopped for church but times had been changed missed having church with congregation but had devotion on church steps.

Tommy and Don went on mission trip to Guatemala with Socastee Methodist headed by Pastor Ray Smith and his wife Sara. Worked in local hospital painting and repairs; took medical supplies. With the support of our church two water heaters and a supply of water were purchased for the hospital. Don expressed thanks to our church for the support given and to the women who sent baby blankets and hats.

Evangelism: no report

Children's Ministry:

Youth Ministry: Bucky reported attendance down during summer; group had gone to play laser tag a couple weeks ago; events planned for August and September; Caroline is helping; and Gary and Lee Anne planning a two day trip for group to Santee.

Family Ministries: no report

Sunday School: no report

UMM: David reported UMM will take regular break during July and August; will resume in September. David reported that District Superintendent had requested to use our church for a men's rally (theme-Prayer) on November 16, hoping for 200 & refreshments to be provided. Wants to get men reenergized. Motion made by David Parker for our church to host event and seconded by Don Hopson. Motioned carried.

UMW: Beth--will not meet in June or July--resume in August. AUMW fed group of Salkehatchie workers--went well. Good group.

Adult Ministries: Beth--Forever Young went out to eat and shopping--stopped for ice cream; July 15--meal at church at 11:30am.

Music: Sylvia--busy practicing

Trustee: Darrell--report given at beginning of meeting

SPRC: Pat--welcomed New Preacher; announced there would be a luncheon on Sunday to honor our new pastor; everyone seems happy as can be.

Finance: Brad--down a little; Operating account--\$18,000.00; Building fund- \$83,000.00;--\$5,000 below budget.

Preacher Joyce: expressed her thanks and said how delighted she is to be here. She also said, "You ain't gonna catch me giving up."

David motioned to adjourn and Pat seconded.

Stan closed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Hopson

AUMC COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2014

Attending: Rachel Dawsey, Stan Woodle, Carlisle Dawsey, Preacher Bill Heutess, Brad Dusenbury, Darrell Ricketts, Pat Parker, Sylvia Page, Ken Chandler, David Parker, Derrick Dawsey, Don Hopson, Glenda Hopson

Stan brought meeting to order; Preacher Bill opened with prayer.

Stan shared how thankful we really should be for our church, thankful for Sunday church services, the attendance, participation and interest shown (church's turn around); Spiritual growth.

Minutes: March 3, 2014 minutes presented; Stan called for motion; Darrell motioned to accept; Carlisle seconded.

Missions: Don--great trip to Guatemala (he and Tommy Andrew participated)---taking trip like this shows how truly blessed we are. He expressed thanks for financial support from our church---and noted with the money given by the Faith Class that two (2) hot water heaters were purchased for the hospital. Next mission trip to W. Va. will be May 16-18; emphasis---food; linens, pots, pans, small appliances. The plan is to buy the food in W. Va.; the manager of local supermarket gives a good deal and better to buy food there. Don will be putting something in the bulletin. Will need driver.

Evangelism: Gary Altman- no report

Children & Youth Ministries: Preacher Bill---attendance down a little last Sunday; 20 kids some nights; well pleased

Family Ministries: Pam-no report

Sunday School: Wes-no report

UMM: David-regular meeting this Thursday, (10th) at Sheldon Dawsey's pond house--all men invited; Dr. Jody Hutson will present program.

UMW: Beth not present; Rachel reported next meeting Thursday (10th)--meet at church, leave at 4:45pm-out to eat at Stephen's.

Older Adult Ministries: Beth-no report

Music: Sylvia--children's program great---choir practicing for Easter (1 song for call to worship and 4 songs during Anthem time---wants palm branches for Sunday for children to bring in--Preacher Bill to see about getting branches, Sylvia will make sure the children will carry them in.

Trustees: Darrell--Trustees will meet tomorrow night (8th); possible will have three (3) bids to extend kitchen to be discussed--leak in sanctuary fixed---roof/end of life (other leaks, shingles brittle, flashing started to crack) will take bids (could cost \$50,000)-possible priority---Goal is kitchen expansion. Jeanette Bryant contacted Darrell about property (where Ms. Annie lived)--crucial to our area-hope to buy. Bathrooms painted--to replace vinyl; carpet at Parlor door may need to be fixed later. Should have Wall of Remembrance in 2 to 3 wks. Estimates received for screen in Sanctuary--basic system \$25,000.00---Fellowship Hall-sound panels \$9,000.00---will not be a priority at this time. Parking area--look at patching and relining. Ground work-Bubba and his Dad will no longer cut grass. S. T. McCracken to take care of grounds for next few weeks. Trustees will take bids. Peachey will call pianoman again about dehumidifier---will follow up.

SPRC: Pat-no report

Finance: Brad-Operating Account-\$34,000.00 up \$1,000.00; Building Fund \$134,000.00-down \$2,000.00; holding steady.

Preacher Bill: will get palm branches for Sylvia, Family Night next Sunday-Easter Egg Hunt; to work on Maundy-Thursday Service (6:30pm) ; Easter Sunrise Service (7am) donuts & juice afterwards, choir specials; no normal evening groups---after Joshua study - April 27-Donna Rae Hucks will have study on crucifixion. Lay Witness wkend-first wkend in May. Million Book effort-passed out letter from DS--books to schools & organizations with greatest needs. Adjustments may be needed for Sunday evening meals--does not want volunteers to be burdened--approximately 70 people enjoy the evening meals.

Stan asked for further business. Sylvia questioned council meeting every month---several yrs ago council decided to meet every other month--**Council will meet every other month and if something needs to be addressed--call meeting after church service to attend to business--group agreed.** Next meeting June 2.

With no further business David motioned to adjourn; Darrell seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Hopson

AUMC COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2014

ATTENDING: Sylvia Page, Rachel Dawsey, Glenda Hopson, Heather Hendrick, Don Hopson, David Parker, Wes Lovell, Ken Chandler, Darrell Ricketts, Brad Dusenbury, Preacher Bill Heustess, Steve Wiesen, Peachey Jordan, Stan Woodle, Beth Davis

Steve opened with prayer.

Stan read Joshua 1:8: gives command with expectation that we follow & trust in Him to be strong and courageous in Him; studying, praying and being about His business.

Darrell motioned to accept minutes with correction to spelling of Dusenbury. David seconded.

Missions - Don- met with Little River Methodist on Monday; they are excited about getting mission program started in their church. Praise for our church's involvement in missions--next mission trip to W. Va. May 16th - 18th, need for food; will be purchased there & distributed on Saturday. need for summer clothes & small appliances. Appreciate the help for the Guatemala mission trip that he and Tommy will be participating in.

Evangelism: Gary- encouraged to continue with cottage prayer meetings; Evangelism team exploring ideas for Lay Witness Mission weekend in spring---1st weekend in May.

Youth: Preacher Bill- meeting with Middle/Senior Youth; good turn out; encouraged youth to invite friends.

Stan -- new Sunday night programs; attendance good; 98 first Sunday (3 classes) next Sunday-play; 79 last night

Family Ministries: Pam - play went well--- 89 people attended

Sunday School - Wes - going well, need more teachers, attendance may be looking up -- Children's Church during preaching, good crowd, hope to inspire parents to attend Sunday School. Continue to pray, seem to be on up swing.

UMM - David - regular meeting & thanks to women for help with Valentine's Supper

UMW - Beth - Valentine Supper went well; \$1240 for Guatemala trip--women made baby blankets and hats to be sent; next meeting second Thursday at Beth's house

Adult Ministries - Beth- Forever Young will meet at church on 18th at 11:30am; April trip to Conway Museum and eat out

Music - Sylvia- choir still working on songs for Easter; Rosemary McQueen working with grades K-5 on Easter program; possible Youth program after Easter

Trustees: Darrell - Insurance on building & contents \$3,362,000. Trustees have hand book and welcomes feedback; drawing given of plans to expand kitchen; no figures on cost; request by Boy Scouts to close in picnic shelter--could not take on project at this time; Memory Wall-Faith Class- preliminary sent off to company--hope to get back next week.

Finance: Brad- Operating Account \$33,000.00--down but still good shape; about \$3000.00 ahead; Building Fund \$136,000.00 up \$14,000.00.

Wes proposed that the church help John Morello with funds needed for his move to working with FCA (salary/benefits & operating expenses) after discussion: Darrell motioned that a Love Offering be taken the 5th Sunday of March, Heather seconded; carried

Discussion for change in time for Sunday School and Worship for June, July, & August be moved to SS 9am & Worship to 10am; ---vote taken; approved.

Preacher Bill--expressed appreciation for volunteers; rotations, no one tied down---Background checks needed for all those that will be working with children and youth (Safe Sanctuary); those involved need to read T-One form and give permission for background check; church pays expense--Peachey has form.

Church Directory--last directory 2008/2009---gauge interest---suggested we use Katy Hucks & maybe in Fall;

Preacher Bill shared Bishop wanting all to Dream God Size Dreams---wants to collect 1 million books at Annual Conference (1000 per church)---does not know how books to be distributed---more details to follow.

No further business---Heather motioned to adjourn; Darrell seconded

Darrell dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Glenda Hopson

Recording Secretary

AUMC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
2-3-2014

Attending: Rachel Dawsey, Sylvia Page, Beth Davis, Preacher Bill Heustess, Stan Woodle, Don Hopson, Glenda Hopson, Heather Hendrick, Pam Dyson, Betty Peavy, Sara Whitner, Donna Rae Hucks, Pat Parker, Darrell Ricketts, Wes Lovell, Ken Chandler, Brad Duesenberry, Peachey Jordan, Carlisle Dawsey, Gary Altman

Gary opened with prayer.

Stan encouraged everyone to reevaluate their commitment to God and to the church. We were encouraged to reaffirm our faith with our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts and our witness.

Minutes were presented---David motioned to accept; Darrell seconded.

MISSIONS: Don- 37 individuals helped during Christmas season; next W. VA. Mission trip planned for May 15 – 17, Little River Methodist Church will be participating. Tommy and Don will be on mission trip to Guatemala from March 21 – 31.. They will be working at local hospital (children's ward)---funds taken will be used to purchase medical supplies.

There have been two requests for help with energy bills (Helping Hands)

EVANGELISM: Gary- approximately \$1000 raised at dinner/concert for Sara Rachel & Gary hosted cottage prayer meetings---there is no cut off time to host one---group was encouraged to host a prayer meeting. Plans are being made for a Lay Witness Weekend.

YOUTH MINISTRIES: Preacher Bill ---working on something last wk ---next Sunday meeting---ideas and input needed

FAMILY MINISTRIES: Pam – The play JOB BUSTED by Wayne Chestnut was postponed – due to pipes busting in Fellowship Hall kitchen. Rescheduled-date TBA
Future plans: Feb.- Valentine's Dinner; March – singing (singers have been contacted);
April- Egg Hunt

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Wes- Teachers needed-anyone led to teach contact Wes.

Continue to pray

UMM – David – Valentine Dinner-no regular monthly meeting- back on schedule in March---gave invitation to all men to participate

UMW – Beth – Valentine's Dinner (UMM & UMW)—dinner moved to Senior Citizens Building due to pipes busted and cannot use Fellowship Hall or kitchen. Proceeds from dinner to go to help buy medical supplies for Guatemala mission trip. Women also making blankets and hats to be sent.

ADULT MINISTRIES – Beth- Forever Young will go to Dry Dock 2/18; 3/18 meet at church & 4/18 will go to Conway, eat and go to Museum.

MUSIC – Sylvia-concerned about commitment—attendance not what was expected at Veteran's Day program or Cantada. Choir works hard—support should be better.

TRUSTEES – Darrell- all exterior painting complete—all rot removed; 3 units ready to go out: (office, nursery, & choir---bids taken.