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**AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

January 8, 2023

Council Members present at 1/8/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Rachel Dawsey – Treasurer, Membership Secretary

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

Jeffery Singleton – Financial Secretary

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW Secretary, Older Adult Ministry

Pamela Hucks – Financial Committee Chair

Cheryl Butler – PPRC Chair

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Briggs Jordan – Children’s Ministry

Jesse Johnson – UMYF President

Jeanne Doyle - Family Ministries

Bill Altman – Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Bucky Jordan – Youth Ministry

Sylvia Page – Music Director

Carlisle Dawsey – Church Historian

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Jessie Hendrick – Member at Large

Dean James – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non-Council Church Members Present:

Matt Snelgrove

January 8, 2023 Council Meeting

Phyllis Morrison opened the meeting with a request for approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2022 Council meeting. Carlisle Dawsey made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sara Whitner seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2022 meeting.

Phyllis then asked for a report from the Finance Committee. Brad Dusenbury said that there was about \$220,000.00 cash on hand between the Budget Account, Special Account and Trustee Account.

Phyllis asked if any of the committee chairpersons had a report to give.

David Parker said that the Methodist Men would be meeting at 7:00 Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Don Hopson said that 44 shoe boxes and 15 Angel tree gifts had been given by the church in 2022.

David Parker then made the motion that January 8, 2023 be named as the first day of the church's discernment period. Sylvia Page seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the motion that January 8, 2023 was the first day of the 30 day discernment process.

David Parker then said that he had received three quotes for appraising the church property. David made the motion that the church accept the bid from Ronnie Cribb of Marion, SC to appraise the church property for \$1,250.00. Don Hopson seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the bid of Ronnie Cribb to appraise the church property.

David Parker then made the motion to hire the National Council for Life and Liberty to provide legal services. There would be a retainer fee of \$1000.00 with a \$3500.00 cap for legal representation for one year. Legal services would include a review of by-laws, a review of legal contracts, incorporations, and tax issues. The retainer would not cover the cost of litigation, court costs and filing fees. The motion was seconded by Linda Gerrald. The Council voted to approve the motion to hire the National Council of Life and Liberty.

David Parker then said that the church would have to carry liability insurance for three years that would hold The United Methodist Church harmless from lawsuits. David made the motion that the Council would authorize the Trustees to approve a liability insurance policy. Jeanne Doyle seconded the motion. The Council then voted to authorize the Trustees to approve a liability insurance policy.

David Parker then made the motion to have fund raisers to help pay down any loan debt owed by the church. Jeanne Doyle seconded the motion. The Council then voted to have fund raisers.

David then mentioned that the church would have to establish a new non-profit entity.

Phyllis Morrison asked Pastor Kelly about unpaid salary and benefits. Pastor Kelly said we had to pay the pastor's salary.

David Parker asked the Council to choose two Trustees to represent the church and to sign the separation paperwork on behalf the church. Bucky Jordan made the motion to have Allison Best and Mark Dawsey represent the church.

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Katy Hucks seconded the motion. The Council then voted to have Allison Best and Mark Dawsey represent the church as Trustees.

New Business: There was a brief discussion about the need for a new copier for the church. Bill Altman made the motion to lease a new copier from Integrity Business Solutions of Conway, SC. Janett Elliott seconded the motion. The Council then voted to lease a new copier from Integrity Business Solutions.

**AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

February 12, 2023

Council Members present at 2/12/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Rachel Dawsey – Treasurer, Membership Secretary

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

Jeffery Singleton – Financial Secretary

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW Secretary, Older Adult Ministry

Pamela Hucks – Financial Committee Chair

Cheryl Butler – PPRC Chair

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Jesse Johnson – UMYF President

Jeanne Doyle - Family Ministries

Bill Altman – Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Bucky Jordan – Youth Ministry

Sylvia Page – Music Director

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Jessie Hendrick – Member at Large

Dean James – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Britt Shelley – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non-Council – Matt Snelgrove

February 12, 2023 Council Meeting

Phyllis Morrison opened the meeting with a request for approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2022 Council meeting. Jeanne Doyle made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Britt Shelley seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Phyllis Morrison then asked if any of the chair persons had an update.

David Parker spoke on behalf the Way Forward Committee. He said that they were trying to get all of the paperwork needed for the church conference in June. He also spoke about the need for ideas and volunteers for a fund raiser on April 22, 2023. He also spoke about an extra contribution on April 23, 2023.

David then passed out copies of the proposed Bylaws for the church for the Council members to read and review. The Council members were asked to be ready to make suggestions for any amendments to the proposed Bylaws at the next Council meeting.

Pastor Kelly spoke briefly about the proposed Bylaws.

Matt Snelgrove then closed the meeting with a prayer.

**AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

February 19, 2023

Council Members present at 2/19/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Rachel Dawsey – Treasurer, Membership Secretary

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW Secretary, Older Adult Ministry

Pamela Hucks – Financial Committee Chair

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Jeanne Doyle - Family Ministries

Bill Altman – Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Sylvia Page – Music Director

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Britt Shelley – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non-Council – Matt Snelgrove

February 19, 2023 Council Meeting

Phyllis Morrison opened the meeting with a request for suggestions for any amendments to the proposed Bylaws for Aynor Methodist Church.

The following suggestions for changes to the Bylaws were made:

In Article 4.01. The statement that “Persons ceasing to be members of the local Church congregation shall cease to be voting members of the Church” would be changed to “Persons ceasing to be active members of the local Church congregation shall cease to be voting members of the Church”.

In Article 5.05. The wording of the bullet point “Administering the sacraments, and” would be changed to, “Administering the sacraments”.

In Article 6.01. The wording “The Church Council or its successor shall have general oversight of the administration and program” would be changed to “The Church Council shall have general oversight of the administration and programs”.

In Article 7.01. The wording would be changed to “The Charge Conference shall elect at least the following leaders: Chairperson of the Church Council, The Committee on Staff-Parish relations and its Chairperson, The Chairperson and additional members of the Committee on Finance, The Trustees, A Recording Secretary, The Financial Secretary, The Nominating Committee, and The Church Treasurer(s), if not paid employees of the Church.

The wording “Leaders shall hold office for a term of two years” shall be changed to “Leaders shall hold office for a term of three years”.

In Article 9.05. The wording “Any member in good standing may attend Church Council meetings of Aynor Methodist Church. They will be given voice but will not be able to vote.” This wording will be changed to “ Any member in good standing may request to speak before the Church Council meetings of Aynor Methodist Church. He or she must obtain permission from the Church Council Chair and Pastor in order to be included on the meeting agenda. He or she will be given voice but will not be eligible to vote. Only members of the Church Council are eligible to vote during Church Council meetings.

Sylvia Page made a motion to accept the changes in wording in Article 9.05. Catherine Johnson seconded the motion. The Council then voted to accept the proposed changes in wording to the Bylaws in Article 9.05.

Pamela Hucks made a motion to approve the Bylaws as amended. Sara Whitner seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the Bylaws as amended.

The meeting was then adjourned.

AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2023

Council Members present at 2/26/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Rachel Dawsey – Treasurer, Membership Secretary

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

Jeffery Singleton – Financial Secretary

Cheryl Butler – PPRC Chair

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Jesse Johnson – UMYF President

Jeanne Doyle - Family Ministries

Bill Altman – Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

Sylvia Page – Music Director

Carlisle Dawsey – Church Historian

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Britt Shelley – Member at Large

Jessie Hardwick – Member at Large

Dean James – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

February 26, 2023 Council Meeting

Phyllis Morrison opened the meeting with a request that the Council approve the nominations for positions listed in the Articles of Incorporation of the Aynor Methodist Church.

Nominations are as follows:

Board Members: Phyllis Morrison, Mark Dawsey, Catherine Johnson

Registered Agent: Allison Best

Incorporator: David Parker

David Parker made the motion to approve the nominations. Brenda Alvarez seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the nominations as presented.

The meeting was then adjourned.

AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
March 19, 2023

Council Members present at 3/19/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Rachel Dawsey – Treasurer, Membership Secretary

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Patricia Whitner – Evangelism, Missions & Worship

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW President, Older Adult Ministry

Carlisle Dawsey – Church Historian

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Britt Shelley – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non Council Church Members Present: Matt Snelgrove, Wendy Parker

March 19, 2023 Council Meeting

Pastor Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer.

Phyllis Morrison then asked the Council members to review the Council meeting minutes for 2/12/23, 2/19/23, and 2/26/23. Brenda Alvarez made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sara Whitner seconded the motion. The Council then voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Phyllis then asked if there were any questions about the 2023 church budget as of 3/14/23. There were no questions.

Phyllis then asked if the Way Forward Committee had anything to report. David Parker said that the paperwork had been sent on to the lawyers and was moving along. The church just had to have the money ready.

Pastor Kelly then asked Carlisle Dawsey for a copy of the history of the Aynor United Methodist Church. Carlisle said that he had already emailed a copy to Catherine Johnson, but that he would send a copy of the history on to Pastor Kelly.

Phyllis then asked for everyone's suggestions and ideas for the Spring Festival to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Fund raising ideas included selling chicken bog plates, a bake sale, a silent auction, and donations of gold and silver items.

The festival time was set to be from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

David Parker said that the Men of the church could sell chicken bog plates from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Beth Davis said that the Women of the Church would head up the bake sale of individually wrapped and priced items.

Bucky Jordan and Brenda Alvarez volunteered to head up the silent auction.

Don Hopson volunteered to handle the collection of old gold and silver items.

David Parker then said that volunteers would be needed to help with the promotion and advertising of the Spring Festival. David said there should be ads on the radio and Facebook and that an ad in the shopper should run for two weeks. David Parker, Brenda Alvarez and Britt Shelley volunteered to help with the advertising effort.

David Parker then suggested that a follow up Council meeting be held on April 16, 2023 to review details of the Spring Festival.

Phyllis Morrison then asked Matt Snelgrove to close the meeting with a prayer.

AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

April 16, 2023

Council Members present at 4/16/23 meeting:

Pamela Hucks – Finance Committee Chair

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

Mark Dawsey – Trustee Chair

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Patricia Whitner – Evangelism, Missions & Worship

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW President, Older Adult Ministry

Bill Altman – Scout Representative

Carlisle Dawsey – Church Historian

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non Council Church Members Present: Kathy Best

April 16, 2023 Council Meeting

Pastor Kelly opened with a statement that this Council meeting was called to tie up loose ends concerning the Spring Festival to be held on April 22, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Linda Gerrald asked how items for the silent auction should be packaged.

Brenda Alvarez said that items for the silent auction should be brought to the church between 5:30 and 6:00 on Friday afternoon. There will be a bid sheet for each item. Brenda asked if there were fliers available to be put up around the community. David Parker said that there were fliers available.

Beth Davis said that items for the bake sale should be brought to the church between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Friday afternoon. Beth then said that any baked goods that were not sold on Saturday would be available for sale on Sunday.

David Parker said that the chicken bog sales would start at 11:00 AM.

There was some discussion about a gun to be sold at the silent auction. It was decided to not have a gun included in the silent auction. Brad Dusenbury suggested that the gun could be sold to a dealer and the money from the sale donated to the church.

Pastor Kelly then closed the meeting with a prayer.

AYNOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

April 30, 2023

Council Members present at 4/30/23 meeting:

Phyllis Morrison – Administrative Council Chair

Pamela Hucks – Finance Committee Chair

Rachel Dawsey - Treasurer

Brad Dusenbury – Assistant Treasurer

Mark Dawsey – Trustee Chair

David Parker – UMM President, Alternate Lay Member

Craig Morrison – Recording Secretary

Patricia Whitner – Evangelism, Missions & Worship

Catherine Johnson – Children’s Ministry & Lay Leader

Beth Davis – Membership Secretary, UMW President, Older Adult Ministry

Bucky Jordan – Youth Ministry

Jessie Johnson – UMYF President

Sylvia Page – Music Director

Sara Whitner – Epworth Representative

Freddie Gerrald – Lay Member to Annual Conference

Linda Gerrald – Sunday School Superintendent

Brenda Alvarez – Member at Large

Cindy Dawsey – Member at Large

Mary Ambrose – Member at Large

Don Hopson – Member at Large

Britt Shelley – Member at Large

Janet Elliott – Member at Large

Rev. Kelly Snelgrove

Non-Council Church Members Present: Matt Snelgrove

April 30, 2023 Council Meeting

Pastor Kelly opened with a prayer.

Phyllis Morrison then asked the Council members to review the minutes from the March 19, 2023 and April 16, 2023 Administrative Council meetings. Brenda Alvarez made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Patricia Whitner seconded the motion. The Council then voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Phyllis Morrison then asked for Committee Reports. Brad Dusenbury reviewed the 2023 General Budget, and recommended that the money raised at the Spring Festival be moved from the Special Account to the Budget Account. Rachel Dawsey said she would move it.

Sara Whitner announced that the Epworth offering would be received on Mother's Day.

Beth Davis spoke about the next meeting of Forever Young.

Bucky Jordan said that there were 13 young people in the Confirmation class.

Phyllis asked if there was any old business to discuss concerning the Spring Festival. David Parker thanked everyone for their support and help in raising \$17,763.00 at the Spring Festival.

Phyllis then asked for reports and discussion on New Business.

'(1) Funds due to the Conference - Pastor Kelly said that \$122,479.00 would be needed to be put in Escrow by May 31, 2023. The separation from UMC would be at 12:00 AM on July 1, 2023.

'(2) Establishment of new bank accounts - Phyllis Morrison said that new bank accounts will have to be established for Aynor Methodist Church. Pastor Kelly said that the Federal ID number has been established for the new church.

'(3) Number of signatures needed for the new accounts - There was a discussion concerning the number of signatures that will be needed for the new bank accounts. Sylvia Page made the motion that the signatures of Pamela Hucks, and Jeffery Singleton be added to Rachel Dawsey and Brad Dusenbury on the new bank accounts. Bucky Jordan seconded the motion. The Council then voted to put the signatures of Pamela Hucks, Jeffery Singleton, Rachel Dawsey and Brad Dusenbury on the new bank accounts.

'(4) Delete the word "United" from the church sign, bus, etc. - There was a discussion about removing the word "United" from any church sign and bus decal. Pastor Kelly asked Mark Dawsey if the Trustees would take care of making any necessary changes to the church sign and church bus decals. Mark Dawsey said the Trustees would take care of it. Mark Dawsey also pointed out that a change would be needed to the church information sign that had been put up by the Town of Aynor. Mark said that he would talk to Tony Godsey about the town's church information sign.

'(5) Need new Facebook Page - There was a discussion about the church's Face-Book page. Pastor Kelly said that we need to establish a new Face-Book site and that the church needed to advertise so that people could find the new Face-Book site.

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'(6) Way Forward Committee – Membership transfer - There was a discussion concerning membership transfer. Pastor Kelly said that every church member would have to fill out a form, stating whether they wanted their membership to stay with United Methodist Church conference, move to the Aynor Methodist Church, or to be moved to a different church. It would be announced from the pulpit and by e-mail that each member would be given two weeks to fill out their form and return it to the church. The forms will be distributed on May 7, 2023. The completed forms must be back in by May 21, 2023. The names of any member who do not fill out the membership transfer form will be sent in to the United Methodist conference as a person not wanting their membership transferred. Don Hopson made the motion that this membership transfer process be used. Sara Whitner seconded the motion. The Church Council then voted to use the above stated membership transfer process.

Don Hopkins then opened a discussion on creating central control center for monitoring security in around the church. David Parker said that the safety committee had been discussing this.

David Parker said that the title search work was on-going and would be completed by May 15, 2023 and sent on to the Conference. The title search may cost a little more than what was originally expected.

Sylvia Page asked how many churches in South Carolina with leaving the United Methodist Church. Pastor Kelly said that information had not been released yet.

Pastor Kelly then closed the meeting with a prayer.