MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting date: January 24, 2011

Call to order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck dining room of BSUMC on January 24, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Welcome: Chairman John Creech

Opening Prayer: Rev. Jerry Temple

Chairman John Creech had all members introduce themselves. He announced that the church had “made budget.”

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council of October 25, 2010 were approved.

New Business:

John Redmond asked about the present debt situation and the meeting then proceeded to the reports of the Church Treasurer and Finance Committee.

Church Treasurer’s Report - Stephen Shaughnessy pointed out that total revenue was over budget by over $62,000 and that expenses were under budget by more than $100,000. Thus, we had more than $163,000 surplus for 2010. He also pointed out that the debt was currently $746,000 but that the church currently had $439,000 (as of 12/31/10) designated to pay off the debt.

Finance Committee Report – Chairman Scott Kester reported that the Finance Committee recognizes upon closing the 2010 operational budget of the Church a net surplus revenue of $164,921. The finance committee recommended to the Church Council to recognize $16,492 as the proper tithes to forward to the Mission Commission to apply to local missions within thirty days. The motion was so moved by Mike Pitts and seconded and approved by the Council. The motion as presented by the Finance Chairman is attached.

In an effort to eliminate long term debt, the Finance Committee recommended to the Church Council to restrict $110,000 from the designated debt and operating reserves fund into the restricted debt reduction contributions fund until maturity of the debt in May 2012 or any time before then that proves to be prudent to eliminate debt. The motion as presented by the Finance Chairman was so moved by Coleman Shouse and seconded by Scott Davis and approved by the Council. The motion as presented by the Finance Chairman is attached.

The Finance Committee recommended to the Church Council to recognize and accept the 2011 operating budget providing for $2,699,226 in revenue and $2,698,544 in operating expenses for 2011 and an additional Child Development Center operating budget of $1,084,464 in revenue and $1,083,894 in expenses for 2011. The motion was so moved by Matt Shouse and seconded by Mike Pitts and approved by the Council. The motion as presented by the Finance Chairman is attached.

The Finance Committee recommended a one-time expenditure grant of no more than $50,000 net surplus operating funds from 2010 to be provided to age level and work area ministries to provide for ministry needs not funded through the stewardship ministry efforts of the church. The motion was so moved by Scott Davis and seconded by Glen Calder and approved by the Council. The motion as presented by the Finance Chairman is attached.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee Report – The Church Council approved the housing allowances for Chris Ashley and John Fahrney as presented by the Chairman Mary Jane Steele.

Pam Evans gave a report regarding the Sanctuary Organ renovation. $650,000 is the total cost of the renovations which will take approximately thirteen months to complete. $70,000 has been contributed through memorials and honorariums.

Staff Report - Senior Minister Jerry Temple reported that things were going well and that the staff does very good work. He said that we must not be content, but thanks to all. He called on David Stubbs to close the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson

Secretary
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting date: March 28, 2011

Call to order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck dining room of BSUMC on March 28, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Welcome: Chairman John Creech

Opening Prayer: Rev. Jerry Temple

Devotional: Rev. Grover Putnam

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council of January 24, 2011 were approved.

New Business:

Pam Evans of the Organ Renovation Committee reported that the movers will be here May 2 to move the sanctuary organ and it is expected to take 2 weeks for the move. The organ is to be back in the sanctuary at least by the Advent season. Pam reported that $80,000 is in the organ fund now to be used for the renovation.

In conjunction with the sanctuary organ an assessment of the Chapel organ was made and the recommendation was that renovations of the console of the chapel organ should be made. After discussion the consensus of the group was that it would be best to do both organs with the same company at the same time. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to do both jobs at the same time.

Frank O’Brien Chair of Ministry Leadership Team reported that they had surveyed all of our ministries and asked the questions, “what is the goal and what are you doing to make disciples of Christ through Grace, Faith and Service?” He moved that the new mission statement of BSUMC be: To Be and To make Disciples of Christ, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Church Council.

At the January 24 council meeting it was approved that $16,492 be forwarded to the Mission Commission to apply to local missions within thirty days. At the March 28 council meeting, John Peden made a motion that the $16,492 be spent in a manner that the Missions Commission so desires and not limit it to local missions only. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Church Treasurer Stephen Shaughnessy gave the treasurer’s report which is on file. Chairman Creech made a motion to accept it and it was seconded and unanimously passed. Stephen reported that the church is in the best shape it has been in 3 years and that the staff is doing a great job at keeping expenses down.

Coleman Shouse gave a report from the Endowment Fund. He said they were making strides to be best stewards of the fund. Margaret Clayton has been hired as the Development Director.

Jerry Hill reported that on April 14 a group would be going to Haiti to do various volunteer work and working to develop good relations with the Haitian people.

Rev. Temple thanked the Church for helping in Haiti and closed with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson
Secretary
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: August 22, 2011

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Dining Room of BSUMC on August 22, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Welcome: Chairman, John Creech

Opening Prayer: Rev. Jerry E. Temple

Devotional: After being introduced by Mary Jane Steele, Rev. Joe Cate gave a devotional.

Old Business:

The minutes of the Church Council of March 28, 2011, were approved.

Pam Evans (Organ Renovation Committee) updated the Church Council on the 11 month project, noting that, to date, $210,000 has been raised in pledges and gifts. Director of Facilities, Mike Baxter, and his helpers were commended for their work. Leaving Hartford, Connecticut, on October 15, the chapel organ is to be installed by the end of October, and the sanctuary organ is to be installed and operating by Advent. This work is on schedule.

New Business:

Church Treasurer, Stephen Shaughnessy, gave the Treasurer’s report which is on file. He noted and corrected an error in the Child Development Center reported Expenses.

Mary Jane Steele (Staff Parish Relations Committee) noted that Laura Bratton is now the minister at Laurens Road United Methodist Church.

Lay Leadership Committee’s next meeting was announced for Monday, August 29.

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman, John Redmond, explained the committee’s functions and purpose, noting that the inclusiveness of the committee necessitates that its work move slowly, mindful of the many factors involved.

Ministries Leadership Team Chairman, Frank O’Brien, explained that a video is being made for the newly created Mission Statement.

Margaret Clayton, Development Director of the Buncombe Street United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, explained her task, noting that the church endowment is $3.4 million.

Staff Reports:

Youth Director, John Fahrney, commented that 350 youth attended the kick-off program.

David Stubbs, Director of Education and Programs, announced a Teacher Training Event for Saturday, August 27, 9:00 – 2:30, at the church.
New Business (Continued):

David Stubbs explained the plans for the Coffee Café. After much discussion, Attorney Michael Pitts offered to review the proposed contract with Karen L. McCarty. Pending the contract’s approval by the Board of Trustees, the Church Council voted to proceed with the Café.

Rev. Jerry E. Temple thanked the committee members for their attendance and thoughtful discussions. He closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wilson
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting date: October 24, 2011

Call to order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck dining room of BSUMC on March 28, 2011. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Joe Cate

Devotional: Rev. Jerry Hill

Remarks: John Creech

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council of August 22, 2011 were approved.

Pam Evans reported that the chapel console had been installed and the installation of the sanctuary organ will be completed sometime in Advent.

New Business:

Church Treasurer Stephen Shaughnessy gave the treasurer’s report.

Scott Kester gave the Finance Committee report with hand-outs of “Draft 2012 Church Operating Budget” and “Draft 2012 CDC Operating Budget”

A motion was made that “the Church Treasurer/Church Administrator/Chairman of Finance Committee/Chairman of Church Council be empowered to make decision to completely pay off the outstanding balance of the church debt by 12/31/2011. Should there be any shortfall in the debt balance as compared to the Debt Reduction restricted fund balance that shortfall would be fixed by using $’s in the Debt and Operating Reserve Fund. Any additional pledged debt reduction payments that come in after paying off the debt would go to reimburse the Debt and Operating Reserve fund if $’s are moved out of that fund to help totally pay off the church’s outstanding debt” This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The 2012 draft budget is attached.

Gary Daniels from the Stewardship Committee spoke as to the “Say Yes” campaign. All adult Sunday School Classes will meet together November 6, 2011 in Sisk Hall for a presentation regarding the many activities that our church supports and sponsors.

Jerry Hill reported that our Church is involved with starting an Hispanic congregation at Arrington United Methodist Church.

After words from Rev. Jerry Temple he gave the closing prayer.

Susan B. Patterson

Secretary
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: January 23, 2012

Call to order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Dining Room of BSUMC on January 23, 2012. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Jerry E. Temple

Devotional: Rev. Jerry E. Temple

Remarks: Chairman Janice Holliday

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council meeting of October 24, 2011 were approved.

New Business:

Church Treasurer Stephen Shaughnessy gave the treasurer’s report, reviewing the financial statements and informing the council that the church closed 2011 with an operating budget surplus of approximately $142,000.

Finance Committee Chairman, Scott Kester gave the Finance Committee report with hand-outs of “2012 Church Operating Budget” and “2012 CDC Operating Budget”

Scott Kester motioned the council to recognize twenty-one thousand dollars as 15% of the resulting 2011 surplus operating budget funds and to provide this amount as a tithe to the Mission Commission to use in local or foreign outreach work. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Scott Kester reviewed the 2012 Operating Budget with the Church Council, answered questions and motioned the budget of $2,707,289 in revenues and $2,707,208 in expenses be approved for church operations in the year 2012. Dr. Doug Kenmore seconded the motion and it was approved without objection.

Scott Kester reviewed the 2012 Child Development Center (CDC) Operating Budget with the Church Council, answered questions and motioned the council to accept the budget for the CDC of $1,116,983 in revenues and $1,116,304 in expenses for the year 2012. Stephen Shaughnessy seconded this motion and the CDC Operating Budget was accepted without objection.

Stewardship Committee Co-Chairman, Gary Daniels, Jr. reminded the Church Council of how blessed we are as a church, but expressed his and Co-Chairman Catherine Daniels’s disappointment that the congregational pledging fell short of the drafted budget giving goals. Gary reported the congregation to have pledged approximately $2,245,000 in tithing for 2012. Gary Daniels, Jr. concluded his report by stating that the Stewardship Committee would continue to work throughout the year to improve upon the stewardship of time, talents and tithes within our church.

Board of Trustees Chairman, Jody Bryson reported to the Church Council a concern that was expressed to the trustees about the transportation safety of children in the Scout Bus. Jody stated the age of the bus, the size of the bus, lack of passenger restraints and the special licensing required to operate the bus were all matters reviewed by the trustees in lessening the risk exposure to the church. Jody Bryson recommended to the Church Council, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to phase the Scout Bus out of service and replace the Scout Bus with two additional 14 passenger buses. Additionally Jody offered that the ministries of the church should consider the use of chartered buses with professional drivers when transporting children and youth out of the state. The Trustee Chairman stated that increased costs for this transportation could be reflected in the participation fees of the event. Also the individual ministry leaders should be conscious of what child or youth is not participating and recognizing if scholarships currently within the church would assist participants who may not be able to afford the increase in costs. After answering additional questions, Board of Trustees Chairman, Jody Bryson motioned the Church Council to authorize the use of up to $100,000 in 2011 operating budget surplus funds to purchase two new 14 passenger buses to replace the Scout Bus. Scott Kester seconded this motion and the Church Council accepted this action to replace the Scout Bus.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman, Mary Jane Steele reviewed with the Church Council the Ministerial Support to be paid in the calendar year 2012 to the Youth Minister, John Fahrney. Mary Jane Steele motioned the Church Council
to approve a cash compensation of $22,750 and a housing allowance of $23,148 for John Fahrney in 2012. Dr. Doug Kennemore seconded the motion and it was accepted without objection.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairman, Mary Jane Steele reviewed with the Church Council the Ministerial Support to be paid in the calendar year 2012 to the Youth Worship Leader, Chris Ashley. Mary Jane Steele motioned the Church Council to approve a cash compensation of $18,924 and a housing allowance of $11,976 for Chris Ashley in 2012. Dr. Doug Kennemore seconded the motion and it was accepted without objection.

Ministries Leadership Team Chairman, Frank O'Brien presented to the Church Council a Nursery Operations Policy that addressed recent events where the Church Nursery operated for one or two children for meetings or studies at the church. Frank suggested a minimum of three children, outside of regularly scheduled Nursery operating times, would be a prudent number of participation in order to justify the operating expense of securing the Nursery personnel. The policy would allow for a ministry group to arrange for the Nursery to be open with advanced notice and a minimum of three children in attendance and an understanding that if less than three children arrive, the ministry itself would reimburse the church for the associated costs of having the Nursery open. Ministries Leadership Team Chairman, Frank O'Brien motioned the Church Council to adopt this policy and Tom Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim Poole and Nick Moody, adult representatives from Boy Scout Troop 9, addressed the Church Council in requesting permission to paint a mural on the side of the Scout Hut at 213 College Street. The mural would serve as a sign for the Scout Hut in better identifying its location for visitors. The mural would be painted onto the brick surface of the building by a professional craftsman that has painted other murals in Downtown Greenville. The gentlemen acknowledged that a permit would have to be applied for and obtained from the city before any work could begin, and the scouts would be responsible for any costs associated with having the mural painted. After further discussion Dr. Doug Kennemore motioned the council to allow the mural to be painted to identify the Scout Hut with greater visibility. Scott Kester seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection.

Rev. Jerry Hill reported to the Church Council on current Missions and Outreach activities focusing on hunger related needs.

Rev. Gayle Quay reported to the Church Council on a new tutoring program at a local elementary school and other efforts to improve upon the education and social needs of the children at the school.

John Fahrney reported to the Church Council about the Youth activity in the State Basketball Tournament, Souper Bowl of Caring and the Spirit Week activities to support Stop Hunger Now.

Associate Minister, Rev. Joe Cate spoke to the Church Council about the work of the Evangelism Committee and the upcoming establishment of a podcast to distribute a discussion each week about scripture from the lectionary.

Senior Minister, Rev. Jerry E. Temple thanked the council for their attendance this evening and all of their work throughout the church. He reminded those in attendance of the Stop Hunger Now campaign and stressed that it is not just a Youth effort, but an effort of all of the churches in the Greenville District to celebrate the Great Day of Service. Rev. Temple encouraged everyone to participate in the labor and giving and for each of us to encourage our Sunday School Classes to participate as well. Rev. Temple observed that each of us should not only be proud of our church, but to also be excited about our church.

Church Council Chairman, Janice Holliday adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM and Rev. Joe Cate dismissed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes recorded and submitted by C. A. Malaska in the absence of the Church Secretary.

C. A. Malaska
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: March 26, 2012

Call to order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck dining room of BSUMC on March 26, 2012. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Welcome: Chairman Janice Holiday gave the purpose of the Church Council as listed in the Book of Discipline.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Joe Cate

Devotional: Rev. Joe Cate

Remarks: Janice Holiday

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council of January 23, 2012 were approved.

New Business:

Church Treasurer Stephen Shaughnessy gave the treasurer’s report.

Rev. Jerry Temple reported on the “Stop Hunger Now” program that BSUMC is participating in through the District. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously for our Church to give $4,000.

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Stephanie Scurlock Chair, onto the Child Development Center Board.

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the CDC Bylaws.

Sue Wilson announced that the Archives committee is redoing the plaques with names of those having served in World War II.

Chris Mulaska, BSUMC Administrator, and of the Safe Sanctuary Review Board reported that it is the policy of the Church to review every five years and they are into the review process now.

Jerry Hill is preparing for a mission trip the first week in May to Haiti. An anonymous donor has given a donation to go toward transportation and lodging for mission trips.

Reverend Jerry Temple gave a big “thank you” to the Buncombe Street Staff for the dedicated work that they do for our church.

Rev. Joe Cate reminded the Board that he is doing a weekly pod cast on the internet. And, he announced that he is putting together a trip to Israel for January 14, 2013

Janice Holiday closed the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson

Secretary
Call to Order: Church council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on July 23, 2012.

Devotion: Rosemary Hughes

Prayer: Rev. Joe Cate

Chairman’s Remarks: Scott Davis presided in the absence of Chairman Janice Holliday

Old Business: The minutes of the Church Council of July 23, 2012 were approved.

New Business:

Pam Evans co-chairman of the Organ Renovation Committee gave an update on the renovated organ. She reported that it had been a “labor of love” and had taken much preparation and work. She reported that everything regarding the organ renovation is paid for and $226,183.07 remained. She said that it would be wise and necessary to establish a long-range plan for the future upkeep of the organ. Austin Organ Company who did the renovations said that every ten years there needs to be a complete check and maintenance of the organ.

The following motion was made by Matt Shouse and seconded by Doug Kennemore and was unanimously passed by the Council. With the endorsement of the Board of Trustees of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, the Pipe Organ Renovation Committee requests that $226,183.07 given for the Pipe Organ Project be placed in the Buncombe Street Endowment in a fund specifically designated for the long term maintenance and care of the Sanctuary and Chapel Pipe organs.

Jody Bryson of the Board of Trustees called on Matt Shouse who gave a report on a possible Carillon or Bell Tower which had been discussed in past years. Matt Shouse on behalf of the Property Committee asked the Church Council to approve a fact-finding committee to look into the cost of erecting a bell tower; this was seconded by Doug Kennemore and the motion passed.

Suzanne Shouse chairman of Leisure Ministries Committee gave a report regarding changes in the Basketball Program (a copy is attached.)

Rev. Joe Cate gave a report from the South Eastern Jurisdiction Conference. He announced that Jonathan Holston is our new Bishop

Mary C. Hubby gave the closing prayer.

Susan B. Patterson

Secretary
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: October 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on October 22, 2012.

DEVOTION       David Stubbs

PRAYER:        Rev. Jerry Temple

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: Janice Holliday

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes were corrected and approved

NEW BUSINESS:

The Church Treasurer’s Report was given by Stephen Shaughnessy and the Finance Committee’s Report given by Scott Davis. The 2013 Operating Budget draft was presented.

Gary Daniels Jr. reported from the Stewardship Committee on the annual giving campaign, “HOW COULD YOU NOT SAY YES?”

Frank O’Brien of the Ministries leadership Team reported that their first meeting would be held November 5, 2012.

Roy Williams Chairman of Lay Leadership Development gave a report on nominations.

Gayle Quay reported that “Boxes of Blessings” filled with healthy snacks and school supplies are to be packed by the Sprouts and that Sprouts would be visiting Sunday School Classrooms to ask for donations.

It was reported than Don Piper, author would be here to speak on November 18, 2012 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. in Sisk Hall.

Grover Putnam reported that Grief Seminar Classes would be offered in the near future at Buncombe Street.

Reverend Jerry Temple reported that Keith Martin, who is ill with cancer, is still in the hospital and that the Church is working on getting him disability.

Reverend Jerry Temple closed with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson, Secretary
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: January 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on January 28, 2013.

DEVOTION: Rev. Joe Cate

PRAYER: Rev. Joe Cate

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: Janice Holliday

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of October 22, 2012 were approved

NEW BUSINESS: The Church Treasurer’s Report was given by Shannon Bull and the Finance Committee’s Report given by Fred Gilmer. The 2013 Operating Budget was presented by Fred Gilmer and approved by the Church Council. Surplus operating funds of 2012 were designated by eighty percent to Operating Reserves and twenty percent to missions and outreach.

The Child Development Center (CDC), Board Chairman Stephanie Scurlock reported the CDC to have a small surplus from 2012. An operating budget for the CDC in 2013 was presented and approved by the Church Council.

Stewardship Committee, Co-Chairman Gary Daniels, Jr. provided a report on the stewardship ministry for 2013.

Staff Parish Relations Committee, Chairman Mary Jane Steele presented housing allowances for Youth Ministers, John Fahrney and Chris Ashley for 2013. The Church Council approved the housing allowance designations.

Archives Committee, Chairman Sue Wilson stated a tour of four downtown churches, including ours, will be conducted on March 23rd.

Reverend Jerry Temple addressed the Church Council and reported how pleased he was with the level of faithful pledged giving in the church for 2012. Rev. Temple stated that 98% of the amount pledged for the 2012 Operating Budget was received.

Director of Adult Education, David Stubbs reported on the adult ministry and education opportunities.
Youth Minister, John Fahrney reported on recent Youth events.

Children’s Minister, Reverend Gayle Quay reported on the upcoming national children’s ministry conference to be held at our church in the summer.

Reverend Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

C. A. Malaska, recording minutes.
MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: March 25, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Truluck Room

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on March 25, 2013.

DEVOTION and PRAYER John Fahrney

Vice CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: Scott Davis

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of January 28, 2013 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Church Treasurer Shannon Bull gave a brief report.

Sue Wilson, Wedding Committee Chairman, presented revisions to the Wedding Booklet to be considered by the Council. After a short discussion regarding the changes, a motion was made regarding the following changes:

Weddings will not be scheduled in the Church Sanctuary or Memorial Chapel on the weekends of Easter or Thanksgiving. Weddings during the seasons of Advent and Christmastide will be scheduled at the discretion of the Church.

Only fresh flowers may be used for altar decorations and the bridal party EXCEPT during Advent and Christmastide. (During Advent and Christmastide, in both the Sanctuary and Memorial Chapel, the usual Advent decorations will remain in place. No additional Sanctuary flowers may be used.)

Two flower arrangements, placed on either side of the altar, are recommended, however, a single arrangement may be used on the altar. (Specific dimensions for both types of arrangements are given on p. 8, “Guidelines for the Florist.”) Brass candelabra may also be used.

For one arrangement, placed on the altar ONLY, the dimensions are the following:

Height ______ 30 inches ______

Width ______ 37 inches ______

The motion was unanimously passed.

There being no further business, Scott Davis closed the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson, Secretary
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MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: May 20, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. Truluck Room

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on May 20, 2013.

DEVOTION and PRAYER: Rosemary Hughes

CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS: Janice Holliday

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of March 25, 2013 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The Financial Statement Dated April 30, 2013 is on file and is attached.

Frank O’Brien, Chairman of the Ministry Leadership Team presented a report which is on file and is attached.

Andrea Creech of the Children’s Ministry Board reported on the appropriate use of technology in the Christian education of children at BSUMC. She made a motion regarding the “policy on use of electronic devises” (motion is attached). After discussion, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Reverend Joe Cate from the Ministries Worship Team reported that we need to be constantly evaluating our worship services and finding new ways to reach people of all ages. They have determined that we are not reaching out enough to those between the ages of 25 and 40. The Ministries Worship Team has been exploring the possibility of a new non-traditional worship service at BSUMC at 11:00 a.m. This service would be theologically Methodist, but simpler and shorter than the present 8:45, 9:00, and 11:00 services. It would not be in competition with the other services, but geared to reach out to those who are not being reached. Jerry Temple and Joe Cate would share preaching for these services. A pilot service is planned for June 2 with hope that there would be feedback from those attending and from other church members. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Davis, and the Church Council gave a unanimous vote of confidence for the Ministries Worship Team to further explore the adding of a new service.

Reverend Jerry Temple said he appreciated the trust of the council in supporting the endeavor of another worship service at BSUMC.

David Stubbs reported that he is eight days away from having been at BSUMC for 34 years. Carolyn Davis asked for volunteers for the Conference on Ministry With Children” that is being held at BSUMC July 22 through July 26; she is putting this request on the Church web site. John Fahrney reported on a mission trip to Montana.

There being no further business, Reverend Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson, Secretary

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MINUTES of Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: September 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Truluck Room

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on September 23, 2013.

Devotion and Prayer: Rev. Jerry Hill

Chairman’s Opening Remarks: Janice Holliday

Old Business: Minutes of May 20, 2013 were approved.

New Business: Chairman Janice Holliday announced that the Charge Conference Date has been changed to Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Truluck Room.

Fred Gilmer gave the Church Treasurer’s Report and also the Finance Committee Report which is on file.

The Financial Statement dated August 31, 2013 is on file.

Mary Jane Steele reported that the Staff-Parish Relations Committee is in the process of searching for a CDC Director and has received fifteen resumes. The Search Committee will have a person to be interviewed soon.

Jim Abbott reported for the Mission Commission and reminded the council that our mission is To Be and to Make Disciples of Christ. He gave information about the Circles Campaign and he asked for support as they try to get this new endeavor launched.

Roy Williams from the Committee on Nominations met last Monday for their first meeting. He asked the Council for assistance in spreading the word to all church members regarding the need for more members to volunteer.

Carey Hudson gave a detailed report on Sisk Hall upgrades as to the 8:45 a.m. nontraditional worship service. Improvements to the stage, sound system, soundboard, installation of permanent lighting and a curtain to encircle the area were discussed. The proposal has been presented to the Trustees Committee, of which Jody Bryson is chairman and it was favorably received by the Committee. After discussion and questions a motion was made by Fred Gilmer and seconded by Scott Davis for up to $130,000 to be used from the Capital Improvement Fund for this project. Without further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Cate reported for the Ministries Leadership Team that the 11:07 a.m. service is going well.

David Stubbs reported that approximately 4,000 people have attended the Thursday night concerts. He voiced appreciation to all church members who have volunteered in various capacities to make these concerts a success and to attract a growing audience.

John Farhney reported that about 150 youth are in attendance each Sunday and participate in various youth activities.

Jerry Temple, Senior Minister, voiced appreciation that our church is developing programs that assist the needy in our community to become more self-sufficient. And he gave a big thank you to our Church Staff and volunteers for their commitment.

There being no further business, Chairman Janice Holliday closed the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson, Secretary
Minutes of The Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church

Meeting Date: October 28, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. Truluck Room

Call to Order: Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room of BSUMC on October 28, 2013.

DEVOTION and PRAYER: Rev. Gayle Quay

VICE CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: Scott Davis

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of September 23, 2013 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: BSUMC Administrator Chris Malaska explained a proposed change to the Safe Sanctuary Policy for the Prevention of Abuse of Children, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults and there was discussion by the Council. After a motion and second The Safe Sanctuary Policy was unanimously approved and is on file.

The Church Treasurer's Report was given by Shannon Bull and is on file.

Due to the illness of Fred Gilmore, Scott Davis presented the Draft Operating Budget for 2014 and it is on file.

Mike Douglas gave a report from the Stewardship Committee and said that the committee’s mission statement is “TO BE GENEROUS.” He explained to the Council many of the ways our pledges are used by our church, and he asked all TO BE GENEROUS. November 10th is pledge Sunday.

Pam Evans from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee introduced the Child Development Center’s new Director, Allison Lister.

Stephanie Scurlock Chair of the CDC Board reported on the CDC. She gave information regarding the make-up and duties of the Board of Directors. She asked that the Board of Directors be disbanded and reorganized. She also proposed that an additional separate board made up of parents and volunteers similar to a PTA be formed. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded, and was unanimously approved.

Roy Williams reported from the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development that the Arts and Music and Stewardship Committees are in need of additional members. He also made a motion that a Communications Committee be formed, a motion was made and seconded and unanimously passed.

Senior Minister, Reverend Jerry Temple thanked all in attendance for coming. He also welcomed Allison Lister the new CDC Director and thanked her for accepting the position.

Charge Conference is Monday November 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Truluck Room.

There being no further business, Scott David closed the meeting with prayer.

Susan B. Patterson, Secretary
BUNCOMBE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2014

7:00 PM TRULUCK ROOM

Call to Order

Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room on Monday, January 27, 2014 and Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER: David Stubbs opened with prayer led the Council members in a hymn with Judy Nabers playing the piano.

CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS: Scott Davis

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes of October 28, 2013 were submitted for approval. Two spelling corrections were noted and minutes were approved with edits.

NEW BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church Treasurer Report was given by Shannon Bull and is on file. Shannon discussed the 2013 surplus and that 10% of the funds allocated to missions and 90% to debt for operating reserves. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded, and was unanimously approved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Chris Malaska spoke on behalf on the Stewardship committee reminding everyone of the committee’s mission statement, “TO BE GENEROUS.” He also commended Ashley and Michael Douglas for their efforts with our 2013 Pledge Campaign.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Fred Gilmer discussed the 2014 Operating Budget for the Church. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget as presented, seconded, and was unanimously approved. Copy of 2014 Operating Budget is on file.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: Pam Evans discussed CDC Bylaws and proposed changes to restructure the Board of Directors. She also clarified the skill sets necessary for the BOD and explained the role of the treasurer. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the changes as presented, and seconded, and was unanimously approved.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jim Doolittle shared with the Council that the Long Range Planning committee for 2014 has four new committee members and four returning veterans. He also stated that the committee is working on an action plan with more details to follow.

There being no further business, Reverend Jerry Temple, Senior Minister closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carolyn A. Herbert, Secretary
Call to Order

Church Council of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church was held in the Truluck Room on Monday, March 24, 2014 and Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

DEVOTION AND PRAYER: Reverend Joe Cate opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

CHAIRMAN’S OPENING REMARKS: Scott Davis

OLD BUSINESS: The proposed minutes from the prior meeting of January 27, 2014 were submitted for approval. Minutes were approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORTS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Fred Gilmer discussed the approved $2,828,196 Operating Budget for the Church. Fred stated that the YTD 2014 collection of revenue was approximately $360,000 or 12.7% of actual revenues collected. Total revenues collected reflect a slightly lower percentage than previous years for the same time period. The committee then discussed several ways to educate our congregation regarding the importance and our responsibility of financial stewardship. The possibility of a year-round focus and education was suggested with more discussion to follow. Copy of 2014 Operating Budget is on file.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jim Barnes shared with the Council that the Long Range Planning committee is working on a written plan to be completed by year-end.

STAFF REPORTS:

John Fahrney, Director of Student Ministry, reported that the 7th Walk with Christ had 210 students participating.

Rev. Joe Cate reported that the search for a Worship leader for the non-traditional service held in Sisk Hall at 11:07 a.m. is in process. He also stated that this service is still going on during the search.

David Stubbs, Director of Adult and Family Programs, reported that our latest emphasis on Stewardship Service Ministry has added 10 additional people bringing our total number of volunteers to over 800.

There being no further business, Reverend Jerry Temple, Senior Minister closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carolyn A. Herbert, Secretary
Church Council Meeting Monday, May 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM

- Recurring theme throughout the evening: “We are called to plant and nurture seeds. We may not seem them grow to fruition, but our job is none the less important.”

Chairman Scott Davis called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Rosemary Hughes gave devotion reminding us that we may not always see the harvest of the seeds we plant, but we have opportunities to plant God’s seed on the hearts and minds of others through our gifts, our services, our actions. She cited Galatians 6:9

Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Motion – Les Pritchard, 2nd Louis Redmond, Motion carried, no dissenting votes.

Fred Gilmer, Finance Committee Chairman gave Church Treasurer Report and Finance Committee Report. Pointed out the budget has grown by $500,000 from 2009 to 2014 and will continue to grow. Percentage collected stays essentially the same. If we wish to grow the church we must find ways to nurture that growth. Sue Wilson, Church Council member asked Fred to reiterate that Finance Committee meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend and the proceedings are informative. Additional comments from the floor emphasized the use of bank draft for pledge giving so that Church can better plan and direct.

In order to enlighten our congregation to our financial stewardship as it relates to nurturing our congregation and reaching out to others, Fred will speak at a service in the next few weeks. Copy of the Financial Statement as of May 1, 2014 and Six Year Collection Revenue History YTD April were provided.

Board of Trustees – Linda Sarratt not in attendance

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Less Pritchard related that the 11:07 worship service helpers have left their positions (by mutual consent) and SPR had received request to look into replacing them. In looking at the whole program and how to assist it to grow/nurture the seed already planted, SPR decided there needed to be a job assessment and skillset identified. SPR presented a proposal for a full-time Director of Non-Traditional Worship. This led into next report.

Reverend Joe Cate handed out the Job Description presented to all in attendance. Re-emphasized Fred’s earlier comment that the budget will continue to grow over time and this position might be best viewed as an investment in the future of BSUMC. Rev. Cate paid tribute to BSUMC’s outstanding traditional worship services, citing Rosemary Hughes, professional Music Director who plans music to fit the lectionary (spelling?), Vance Jenkins, talented musician who shapes the service with wisely chosen selections, and Grover Putnam, who directs the worship service through scripture and overall flow. The proposed FT position holder would be present full-time, available to fulfill the responsibilities of all three previously mentioned skillsets. End of discussion, Gayle Quay asked if a quorum were
present. Confirmed. Fred Gilmer made motion to proceed with search for FT Director of Non-Traditional Worship; Louis Redmond seconded. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning – Jim Doolittle related that a questionnaire had been completed by committees and Sunday School classes. The LRP had sought and received guidance from Matt Youn, Sharon UMC whose strength lies in church planning. While BSUMC has a well constructed Mission Statement (“to BE and MAKE disciples of Christ”), BSUMC does not have a published Vision Statement nor published Core Values. LRP proposed the adoption of the Vision Statement and Core Values they wrote and presented. Les Pritchard made motion, Scott Davis second. Motion carried.

David Stubbs, for Tom Buchanan, gave Leisure Ministries report. Many activities planned including Greenville Drive night 6/19 when BSUMC choir will sing; Rock-A-thon to benefit Fraise Dream Center (spelling?); gymnasium floor is being refinished 6/30 – 7/11 and non-traditional services will be moved to Chapel 7/6. Adults Ministry Fair went well; thank you to volunteers; resulted in new volunteers stepping forward.

Rev. Joe Cate reported that BSUMC will host the SC Candidacy Retreat July 17-19, 2014 with 70+ attendees. This group will include new ministers and those ministers who will mentor them.

Gayle Quay reported that BSUMC is serving as the delivery point for the SC UMC Conference’s One Million Book effort. Volunteers are needed!

No further business, Rev. Jerry Temple thanked Rosemary for her very appropriate devotion and closed the meeting with prayer.
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Scott thanked the committee for accepting his challenge to call someone not in attendance and ask them to attend our meetings. He was pleased to report that we had 100% participation from Church staff.

Tom Buchanan opened with prayer and devotion.

The committee members reviewed the proposed minutes from the prior meeting of September 22, 2014. Ted Cottingham motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Les Pritchard second the motion and the committee approved the minutes.

Committee Reports
Church Treasurer Shannon Bull reviewed the September YTD financial information with the committee. Shannon stated that the contributions were slightly lower than in previous years. Church attendance has been down but not overly concerned as we collect 95% or more of our pledges in November and December.

Shannon also discussed the YTD financial reports for the Child Development Center. The CDC is operating in the black and expenses are covered by income.

Finance Chairman Fred Gilmer gave a brief summary of the 2015 Proposed Draft Operating Budget. Budget was not presented for approval. Fred also stated that congregation education on giving is important and we need to focus on sharing the story of consistent giving. Chairman Scott Davis expressed the importance of online giving and updating our website to provide this method of delivery for a secure and convenient way of donating to the Church.

Rev. Joe Cate shared with the committee that Chris “Cash” Ashley, Associate Youth Minister, resigned to attend seminary. Joe has formed a committee to find a replacement. Gary Daniels stated that this is an opportunity to take this position to the next level. He also emphasized that youth engagement is tremendous. Various Fall activities are planned and a Walk with Christ is scheduled in the Spring.

David Stubbs reported that 14 men and women attended the Walk to Emmaus. He also stated that Wednesday night attendance is up and that the evening meal is great and inexpensive. Encouraged everyone to join the mid-week activities.
Rev. Gayle Quad reminded everyone about the bags of blessings are available for $15 each. She encouraged anyone that wanted to donate or had questions about the Sprout's and their activities to contact her or one of the Sprouts.

There being no further business, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Call to Order
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Devotion and Prayer
David Stubbs opened with prayer and scripture from Matthew 5 and John 8:12 reflecting on the fact that we are mirrors of God's light.

Old Business
Minutes of the last meeting were submitted for approval. Motion - Les Pritchard and 2nd by Chris Malaska, Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report
Fred Gilmer gave the Finance Committee Report. He stated that the 2014 Budget is the highest in the history of the Church. Fred also commented that we have eliminated as many expenses as possible. He also stated how non-pledge donors are needed to meet our budget. Fred provided the following important dates:
- October 9 Budget Meeting
- October 30 Stewardship Committee
- November 9 Commitment Sunday
Fred also stated that congregation education on giving is important. Expenses are growing and that we need everyone’s support and assistance.

Non-Traditional Worship Service
Rev. Joe Cate shared with us that there were 44 applicants for the position of non-traditional worship leader. Adam Fisher was introduced to the Church Council and spoke to us from the heart regarding his new position. He shared scripture from John 15:1-2. Adam stated that we should challenge God to prune each of us to make BSUMC a better place. He encouraged each of us to invite a neighbor or co-worker to join the walk with us. Rev. Cate also shared that Adam and Rosemary meet weekly to discuss coordinating the music with the traditional and non-traditional service. He reminded us that we are one church, with many parts, one body. We need to celebrate who we are.

Long Range Planning
Jim Doolittle updated the Council on the timeline and progress of the Long Range Planning Committee. Surveys should be completed by late fall/winter. Facilities Use study to be completed y Craig/Gaulden/Davis later this year. Website/Social Media 2015.
Report on Scouting
Tim Poole reported that we will have 4/5 Eagle Scouts. He shared with the Council that Troop 9 would be non-existent without the support of BSUMC. Tim also reported that Marshall Gaddy would be the new Scout Master.

Mike Ward, Assistant Scout Master presented to the Council their request to discuss a proposed memorial Chapel for the McManus and Antonakos families. The McManus family was a part of the scouting program at BSUMC and the scouts would like to honor their memory. Camp Old Indian, the location of Connor McManus’ final campout, does not have a small prayer chapel on the site. The scouts feel this building would be a way to continue their legacy and also provide for future discipleship of scouts in the area. Mike Ward is asking for the blessings of the Church to go to the Sunday School Classes to share the idea of the memorial Chapel. This is not a request funds. Motion was made to present this proposal to the SS classes by Les Pritchard and 2nd by Janice Holiday, Motion carried.

Other Committee Reports
David Stubbs reported that 6 men and 6 women would be attending the upcoming Walk to Emmaus weekend. He asked each of us to be praying for the attendees. He also stated the TV’s in the Sunday School rooms were gifts from the Church.

There being no further business, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Rev. Joe Cate opened with prayer and devotion.

Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The committee members reviewed the proposed minutes from the prior meeting of October 27, 2014. Les Pritchard motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jim Doolittle second the motion and the committee approved the minutes.

New Business
Scott recognized our new members and thanked them for serving. He also encouraged each of them to be faithful with their attendance.

Committee Reports
Shannon Bull reviewed the December 31, 2014 financial information with the committee. Shannon stated that the total contributions collected were $2,829,523 with total expenses of $2,823,670. Our 2014 revenue goal was short by $9,000. However, our budget was reached through the generous giving of our congregation during November and December. After expenses, the total net income for 2014 was $143. Church attendance is typically down for November and December, but we were successful with our education of the congregation and collection efforts of approximately 99% of our pledges.

Shannon Bull also shared the 2015 Operating Budget for CDC. She stated that the CDC operates within their budget goals and expenses are covered by income.

Finance Chairman Fred Gilmer gave a brief summary of the 2015 Final Operating Budget. Fred stated that congregation education on giving is important and we need to focus on sharing the story of consistent giving throughout 2015. The budget was presented for approval for $2,901,599 in Total Revenues with a request for additional increase of $27,000 or 2% to cover salary increases for our staff. Fred Gilmer motioned to accept the budget with the 2% increase and David Koontz second the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Rev. Jerry Temple on behalf of the Board of Trustees requested approval for the removal of Governor Dick Riley as Trustee from the Endowment Board. Due to Governor Riley’s current schedule, he is unable to serve at this time. The Bylaws of the Endowment states that a Trustee must serve on the Board and Coleman Shouse was presented as Governor Riley’s replacement. Fred Gilmore motioned to accept Coleman Shouse’s appointment and Sue Wilson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
Les Pritchard presented the annual Housing Allowance for John E. Fahrney, Youth Pastor. He also submitted Rev. Jerry Hill’s Ministerial Support salary for review due to the medical savings deadline was not met.

Rev. Joe Cate shared with the committee that the search for the replacement of Chris “Cash” Ashley, Associate Youth Minister, continues. He also stated that the committee interviewed 20+ applicants and two candidates have been selected for further consideration.

Joe also updated the group that the non-traditional services are as polished, organized and professional as the traditional services. Average attendance in the 8:45 am service is approximately 75 with approximately 150 attending the 11:07 service.

Jim Doolittle of Long Range Planning discussed the updated facilities studies and our need for more space in the areas of CDC and Adult Sunday School classes. Discussion also continued with the need for an organizational design study and he is working on communication to discuss the possible purchase of the JB Lacher building.

Coleman Shouse discussed the need to educate the congregation on the purpose of the BSUMC Endowment Fund.

Sue Wilson of the Archives Committee reported that the Church had investigated the possibility of being listed on the National Historic Register. However, we were denied because of too many changes to the original structure. Bill Adkins continued the discussion and stated that we will now start the application process with the South Carolina Department of Archives and History to pursue an historical marker.

Jerry Hill, David Stubbs, John Fahrney and Gale Gayle all reported updates for their areas of responsibilities.

There being no further business, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Reverend David Stubbs opened with prayer and devotion.

The committee members reviewed the proposed minutes from the prior meeting of January 26, 2015. Ted Cottingham motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jerry Hill seconded the motion and the committee approved the minutes.

**Committee Reports**

Church Treasurer Shannon Bull reviewed the February YTD financial information with the committee. Shannon stated that the contributions were slightly lower than budgeted but this is expected in the first quarter of the year. She also stated that expenses were under budget due to timing and there are no major items to discuss.

Shannon also discussed the YTD financial reports for the Child Development Center. She stated that the CDC is in a favorable position and expenses are covered by income.

An update of the proposed property acquisition adjacent to the church at 123 College Street known as the JB Lacher building was provided. Frank Hammond is researching the fair market value and Doug Evans is reviewing the terms of the existing lease. A discussion was held with the committee regarding the financing of the purchase. The church can purchase the property with funds available; however, possible financing options from 4 primary banks will be obtained. After much discussion regarding this opportunity, Janice Holiday motioned to pursue moving forward with the due diligence regarding the purchase of this property and Ted Cottingham seconded the motion. Chairman Scott Davis reminded the committee this discussion is highly confidential.

Church Administrator Chris Malaska updated the committee on enabling electronic giving. After researching, it has been determined that Vanco Services will provide the best integration with our accounting software. Due to the fees associated with the third party vendor, it was recommended to track separately our current ACH giving vs. online giving. Tracking electronic fees is necessary to adequately budget this additional cost in 2016. Electronic giving can be initiated through our website or through a QR Code from a mobile device. Chairman Scott Davis expressed the importance of online giving and updating our website to provide this method of delivery for a secure and convenient way of donating to the Church.
Jim Doolittle of Long Range Planning requested the committee to review our BSUMC Vision Statement and Core Values. He stressed the importance of congregation education regarding our core values and vision statement. Jim recommended that the Church Council members communicate this information to others and asked the staff members to communicate in their weekly meetings.

Sue Wilson reminded the committee of the upcoming church history tour represented by Christ Church, BSUMC and St. Mary’s.

There being no further business or questions, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Rosemary Hughes opened with prayer and devotion.

The committee members reviewed the proposed minutes from the prior meeting of March 23, 2015. Les Pritchard motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Jerry Hill seconded the motion and the committee approved the minutes.

**Committee Reports**

Church Treasurer Shannon Bull reviewed the April, 2015 YTD financial information with the committee. Shannon stated that the contributions were slightly lower than budgeted but this is typical for this time period. She also stated that expenses were under budget due to timing and there are no major items to discuss.

In addition, Shannon discussed the YTD financial reports for the Child Development Center. She stated that the CDC is in a favorable position and expenses are covered by income.

An update of the proposed property acquisition adjacent to the church at 123 College Street known as the JB Lacher building was provided. A discussion was held with the committee regarding the financing of the purchase. Three banks were contacted to obtain quotes: a national bank (Wells Fargo), regional bank (Park Sterling), and local bank (Southern First). Southern First won the bid to provide financing. The loan commitment details are interest only payments for three years. Interest rate of Prime minus .25% and a cap of 3.85% over the term of the loan. The Church has the option to pay principal payments or make principal reductions with no prepayment penalty, if the loan is paid off early. Loan closing will be scheduled for late September or October, 2015. A Resolution was approved authorizing Chris Malaska to sign documents to purchase the Property from the Seller, secure a loan for up to purchase price ($850,000.00), and to execute any documents necessary to do so. Ted Cottingham motioned to approve the Resolution and Jim Doolittle seconded the motion.

**Other Committee Reports**

Jim Doolittle of Long Range Planning provided the Council with a report outlining the LRP objectives. There was a lengthy discussion by several Council members regarding their concerns to the LRP objectives presented by Jim for consideration. The Council recommended that the LRP committee consider the following:

- Shorter term for future planning (not 10 - 15 years) – suggested 2 - 5 years with annual review and adjustments as required
- Request for quantitative/measureable information/goals
• Provide “destination” and challenge staff members to apply their training skills, experience and intellect to achieve the goal (reaching the destination)
• Need strategy for growing BSUMC, not just sustaining
• Share research information

Jim will meet with the LRP committee and discuss Council concerns and follow-up at our next scheduled meeting in September.

**Staff Reports**

David Stubbs shared with the Council that Adam Fisher and Rebecca Phifer are working on an idea of a roof top gathering for a time of music and teaching for small groups of 25.

Rev. Jerry Hill provided an update on the Circles Campaign and Emmanuel’s Hammer Project.

Rev. Gayle Quay shared that the children’s ministry had been busy planning Vacation Bible School. Gayle was excited to report that all summer camps are full.

Rosemary Hughes reported that the choir will take June and July off for vacation. Plans are to enlist Sunday School classes to participate and sign up for a Sunday. Rosemary also shared that the choir had been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in January, 2016.

There being no further business or questions, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Rev. Gayle Quay opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

Church Council members reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2015, meeting. With no additions or corrections made, Les Pritchard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ken Porter seconded the motion, and the Committee approved the minutes.

Committee Reports

Church Treasurer Shannon Bull reviewed the August 31, 2015, YTD financial information. Even with revenues and expenses down, they were typical for this time period. With 56% of the Budget in, she encouraged continued efforts to acquire needed contributions. Work will begin in early October on the 2016 Budget process. Council Chairman Scott Davis added that no, continued giving has been maintained.

The 2016 Stewardship Committee Chairman, Michael Helms, reported on plans for the year’s campaign, including a letter encouraging service as well as financial gifts and the Spiritual Gifts Survey. He asked Council members who have taken the survey to encourage others to do so, noting that “those who serve usually become better givers.” November 1 will be a combined Sunday School classes event; November 8, Commitment Sunday.

Trustees’ Chairman Ken Porter noted that “due diligence” had been done regarding the acquisition of property adjacent to the church (J. B. Lacher property). Chris Malaska, Church Administrator, then updated the Committee on the details, noting two extensions of the Inspection Period and the Highway Department’s deeding of 4 feet to the Church’s footage. With all aspects of the acquisition process moving forward, Chris will meet with Southern First Bank on September 30 to secure the funding needed for an anticipated closing date on October 5.

Les Pritchard, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairman, detailed the Committee’s work in preparation for the church’s next Senior Minister. A new job description of the position and continued dialogue with the District Superintendent exemplify the Committee’s “doing all we can to get the best that we can.” Les also noted that “Buncombe Street does have a voice and is important to Methodism.” Council Chairman Scott Davis asked if, at some point, the congregation should be informed of the appointment process. Les expressed his Committee’s willing to do this if needed. Council members were reminded that in the Methodist Church, Staff-Parish Relations Committees handle matters regarding appointments. Les thanked Rev. Jerry Temple for his early comments indicating his plan to retire,
making preparations easier for the transition. Rev. Temple reminded Council that even though the Bishop's Cabinet is involved in the appointment process, ultimately, the Bishop makes appointments.

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Jim Doolittle stated that the Committee had been busy since the May 18 Church Council meeting, LRP is working on a 4-component plan including the following: Strengths of the Church, Weaknesses of the Church, Things that the Church should be doing and is not, and Initiatives. Goals will be set later that address the following: 1) near term (2016), 2) mid-term (2017 – 2018), and 3) long term (2019 – beyond). These plans, “what we need to do, not how,” will, hopefully, be ready for the October 26 Church Council meeting.

Rev. Jerry Hill asked Tommy Sinclair to update activities of the Circle Campaign. Tommy shared positive comments from participants. Rev. Hill then stated that more allies and more volunteers are needed.

David Stubbs thanked John Farhney, Gayle Quay, and Rebecca Phifer for their help with Circles' Children, stated that Summer concerts had been successful, and reminded Council of the Apostle Paul presentation in Sisk Hall on October 1.

John Farhney introduced Rebecca Phifer, High School Youth Leader, noting the successful weekend held recently with girls.


Gayle Quay thanked the Confirmation Team (10 – 12 Leaders and 37 Confirmands) for their participation and the Wednesday night Leadership Team for their efforts.

Rev. Jerry Temple explained the naming of an Executive Leadership Team (5 Lay People) as a result of the evaluation of our Church’s ministry by Sarah Rice, Consultant. He stated that the new Senior Minister may “keep, drop, or change” this committee. Council Chairman Scott Davis applauded Rev. Temple’s efforts to “clear the path for the new Senior Minister.”
Janice Holliday announced the new Chairman of the Ministry Leadership Team to be Tommy Sinclair.

With no further business or questions, John Farhney closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wilson
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Reverend Justin Gilreath opened with prayer and devotion.

The committee members reviewed the proposed minutes from the prior meeting of September 28, 2015. A motion was made to accept the minutes as presented. Les Pritchard seconded the motion, and the committee approved the minutes.

**Committee Reports**

Church Treasurer Shannon Bull reviewed the September 30, 2015 YTD financial information with the committee. Shannon stated that the contributions were slightly lower than budgeted but typical for this time period. Expenses are under budget due to timing and there were no major items to discuss.

Finance Committee Chairman, Fred Gilmer, discussed the 2016 Draft Operating Budget. He shared with the committee that the draft reflected a 3% increase over 2015. After a brief discussion, Fred motioned to accept the draft budget as presented and Michael Helms seconded the motion.

The 2016 Stewardship Committee Chairman, Michael Helms, updated the committee on the plans for our upcoming campaign. November 1 will be a combined Sunday School class event with a short program, fellowship and refreshments. Commitment Sunday is November 8.

Church Administrator, Chris Malaska, reported that the JB Lacher property acquisition had not closed due to the Highway Department deeding 4' right of way on Richardson Street. This issue has been resolved. Also, during the recent heavy rains, a leak was discovered in the roof of the building. The estimated cost to repair the roof is $28,000; the owner agreed to reduce the price by the cost of the repairs. The current tenant revealed a possible mold issue and after an inspection, it was determined that the cost for mold cleanup is $600. All repairs will be completed after closing of property on or before December 2015.

Les Pritchard, Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairman, stated that after reviewing the evaluation report by Sarah Rice, Consultant, plans are to hire a Director of Communications.

Jim Doolittle of Long Range Planning shared a power point presentation of the completion of a 4-component plan including the following: Strengths of the Church, Weakness of the Church, missed opportunities and three sets of initiatives. Jim also
presented the Council members with documentation outlining the plan, initiatives and timeline to reach LRP goals. During the discussion there were several questions raised that needed further clarification. Jim motioned to adopt the plan with proposed changes. The Council members did not feel there had been adequate time to review the information presented nor had all the questions been addressed. Joel Brandon motioned to table the discussion until the Council had time to adequately review the plan and attend an informational meeting scheduled for Monday, November 9 in the Chapel at 6:00 pm. Les Pritchard seconded the motion and the approval was tabled until after the informational meeting and further discussion. Scott asked the Council members to read, study and pray about the proposed adoption of the LRP plans and goals. He also encouraged attendance at the scheduled informational meeting.

There being no further business or questions, Rev. Jerry Temple closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary
Chairman Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 10:15AM.

Jim Doolittle of Long Range Planning motioned to approve and adopt the revised LRPC plans and goals.

Les Pritchard seconded the motion and Church Council members approved plans as presented.

Scott recognized the members of the LRPC and thanked them for the many hours spent in preparing the completed documents for the 2015-2019 plan. He shared that the Church Council will take ownership of the plan document and the LRPC will continue to have the responsibility of review. Scott also stated that communication is key along with accountability to ensure the LRPC goals and plans are achieved.

There being no further discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25AM.

Respectively submitted,

Carolyn Herbert, Secretary