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A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014. Members present were: Linda Collins, Pastor James Grubb, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Jody Perry, Lib Rentz, and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Linda Collins, who chaired the meeting in Lynn Smith’s absence. The meeting was opened with a prayer and continuation of “An Invitation to Commune with the Holy Spirit” that was opened during the Finance Committee meeting immediately preceding the Council meeting.

The minutes of the November 19th, 2013, meeting were reviewed. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes, and Lib Rentz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Ministry team reports began with Worship, which is chaired by Sherry Villeponteaux. She stated that the Lenten Season plans are in place. There will be a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, March 4th, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, the Sanctuary will open at 5 p.m. for fasting and prayer, and an Ash Wednesday worship service will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor James said he met with Father Hal Fenters from Trinity Episcopal Church, and they decided not to do the Stations of the Cross Service this year. Instead, Pastor James will offer a Wednesday evening study of the Stations of the Cross for six weeks following Ash Wednesday. In addition, he plans to have a Maundy Thursday service rather than a Good Friday Service. Trinity Episcopal will be offering a Good Friday Service at noon.

Pastor James also reported that he had been in touch with Reverend Bines from Wesley regarding the Easter Sunrise Service at Wampee. This year, Pastor James will offer the message, and Wesley will provide the music. Lib Rentz said she would check with security at Wampee to make sure the service is approved.

Lynn Adcox was not present to report on Education, but Pastor James said she is working on a subcommittee to handle Sunday School class surveys to assess needs and possible changes.

There were no reports on Member Care, Fellowship, or Evangelism because chairpersons were not present at the meeting.

Mission Chairperson, Linda Collins, reported that Hope Repair is going well. Relay for Life will participate in Shuckin’ in the Park on March 8th. Pastor James stated that Salkehatchie registration is critical right now. Gay McCants suggested that each participant pay the entire $215 registration fee, and the church reimburse them for $100, unless there is a hardship. Linda added that another trip to Epworth Children’s Home is planned for May 17th (work and tour day), and they will take another gift basket. She also shared that Revonda Hardesty is working on taking part in a powwow with our Native American partners in September. Sherry Villeponteaux said she will have information on March 9th regarding a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Linda also reported that Lynn Smith has prepared proposed procedural guidelines to assist the community by offering our church as a shelter in an emergency situation (hurricane, ice storm, etc.).

Finance chairperson, Gay McCants, reported that our finances are currently in Code Green.

There were no reports on Stewardship, SPRC, or Trustees because chairpersons were not present at the meeting.

The Wednesday Women Tea is scheduled for March 15th.
Jody Perry reported that the United Methodist Men will be preparing Easter breakfast after the Sunrise Service. They are also planning a work day on March 22nd. Jody also said that everything is in place for the Bike and Build group scheduled to arrive on May 24th. The UMM will be providing the meal.

Pastor James reported that all was well with him. He said that he had been concerned about the low attendance in the Early Worship Service, but attendance has rebounded. He said he will continue to evaluate the needs of the church.

Pastor James then brought up the mission of the church. He said he thinks the church needs an active mission statement rather than a passive vision statement. Rather than, “Seeing lives transformed through a personal relationship with the living Christ,” he suggested it should read, “Transforming lives through a personal relationship with the living Christ.” Following discussion, Gay McCants made a motion to change the church’s vision statement to a mission statement and change the wording. The motion was unanimously approved. Jody Perry expressed concern that more members of the Church Council needed to be present to vote on the changes, and it was decided that the issue would be voted on at the next meeting.

After checking the Book of Discipline, it was decided that Finance Committee and Church Council meetings can be combined. Ed Kennedy volunteered to offer the devotion at the next meeting which is scheduled for March 25th, 2014, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
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Cheri Yates could not be present for the meeting, but she sent a written report on fellowship as follows:

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The meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

The meeting was opened with a brief devotional offered by Lynn Smith, citing “Memorials and their Meaning,” written by William Edward Roberts and taken from Strength and Service to God and Country. “An Invitation to Commune with the Holy Spirit” was continued from the Finance Committee meeting.

The minutes of the April 22, 2014, meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Lynn then asked for committee reports:

Finance: Gay McCants stated that by the end of April our budget should have been at 33%, and it was right on target. She further stated that we are in Code Green, and at the end of April we had received $3,846 more than we spent. She added that she had hoped to be able to revisit the budget and increase amounts by now but would not presently recommend it. She said we will look at where we stand at the end of June.

Stewardship: Revonda Hardesty said she plans to meet with her committee in June and will meet with our new pastor to present their proposal for this year’s stewardship campaign.

Lay Leader: Lib Rentz was not present—no report.

SPRC: Anthony Leopper was not present—no report. Pastor James asked about plans to welcome the new pastor. He added that her office will need to be moved downstairs.

Trustees: Allan Lanier sent an e-mail to Lynn Smith saying that he could not attend the meeting. Lynn said that he discussed the sign issue with the Trustees, and they said the Council’s proposal (Since we have $5,500 designated for the sign, we will go ahead with the sign project, but use no more than the amount we have already collected to purchase a sign, and direct the Trustees to choose designs and bring them to the Council for final selection.) was too restrictive. After discussion, Lynn proposed having a couple of people from the Trustees and a couple of people from the Council form an ad hoc committee to seek designs and take their proposal(s) back to the Trustees. Pastor James said adding two committee members from the general congregation might be a good idea also.

Lynn made a motion to form an ad hoc committee composed of two Trustee members, two Church Council members, and two church members to meet and choose the design(s) to be presented. Revonda Hardesty seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Missions: Linda Collins reported that her committee will not meet in June or July but will be supporting the Salkehatchie mission.

Worship: Sherry Villeponteaux was not present but sent a message that she plans to meet with the new pastor as soon as possible.

Education: Cheri Yates could not be present but sent a written report via e-mail.

The following are her upcoming activities for June:

Sunday, June 1, Graduate Recognition Day during the Worship Service and cook out to follow.

Sunday, June 1, Schools Out Party complete with waterslide: 3yr old - 2nd grade from 2-3:30 p.m., 3rd - 6th grade from 4-5:30 p.m., and 7th - 12th grade from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone needs beach towel and sunscreen.
The 3-year olds - 6th grade will go to a movie and lunch on Friday, June 27th. We will leave the church at 10 a.m. and return following the movie and lunch.

On Friday, June 6th, the MOB will go to Sky Zone. The cost is $16.00 for one hour of jumping and money to stop to eat. We will leave the church at 6 p.m. and return around 10 p.m. or later.

All of the Men of the church are invited to our annual Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 15th, at 9 a.m. The ladies are asked to meet at 7:30 a.m. to help prepare the food, and we will welcome our "Dad's" at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, June 29th, following the worship service, we will welcome our new pastor, Rev. Mary Green, and have our annual July 4th celebration. The church will provide the barbecue, hash and rice, and we ask that you bring the "fixin's" (salad, veggies, and dessert). Come and join the fun, food, and fellowship.

Also, on Sunday, June 15th, following the worship service, we will have a punch and cake farewell gathering for Pastor James and Claire.

**United Methodist Men:** Jody Perry was not present, but Del Collins reported that the Bike & Build went well. There were 33 bikers, and 15 Cub Scouts and their parents attended the gathering.

**United Methodist Women:** Nancy Whaley was not present—no report.

**Wednesday Women:** Ann Maggard was not present—no report.

**Other Reports/Business:** Lynn Smith reported that the Missions Committee is working on procedures for church members to use the church facilities during emergency conditions. He added that the proposal is currently in the hands of the Trustees.

At a previous meeting, Anthony Leopper suggested that it would save time if each ministry leader would prepare a brief written report. The reports could be compiled by Robin if she received them by noon the day before a Church Council meeting and could be reviewed as we review the minutes. It was decided that we would try it. Lynn will notify the ministry team leaders.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m. The next meeting will be a combined Finance/Church Council meeting and is scheduled for June 24th 6:30 p.m.

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A special meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Monday, June 16th, 2014. Members present were: Lynn Adcox, Nan Cline, Charlene Duke, Rev. James Grubb, Revonda Hardesty, Anthony Leopper, Robin Mellard, Jody Perry, Lib Rentz, Lynn Smith, Sherry Villeponteaux, and Lynn Yaden. Guests present were members of the South Carolina United Methodist Church Response Team: Rev. Ken Barwick, Dr. Joseph Heyward, Rev. Kathy James, and Rev. Patricia Parrish, District Superintendent. Also attending were Georgie Ford and Nancy Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Rev. Patricia Parrish.

Rev. Parrish asked Rev. Grubb to open the meeting with a prayer.

Rev. Parrish then introduced the UMC Response Team members present, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the speculation related to our choir director's unexpected resignation and a need for healing.

Rev. Ken Barwick counseled the group on coping with trauma.

Rev. Kathy James discussed how church leaders can respond to questions from others.

Rev. Barwick added that counseling will be offered to choir members, family members, and any others desiring support.

Lynn Yaden suggested having a prayer vigil to pray for healing of our church.

Rev. Parrish said she is planning a program for youth in dealing with boundaries.

Lynn Adcox and Charlene Duke asked the Response Team to come back soon to council choir members. Lynn Adcox will be the contact person to set it up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be a combined Church Council/Finance meeting and is scheduled for July 29th at 6:30 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a brief devotional, and then asked the group to review the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Lynn then began the ministry reports with the Worship Committee. Sherry Villeponteaux was not present by had submitted a written report. She stated that her committee was not scheduled to meet until sometime in August; therefore, she had no new information to report. She added that at their August meeting they would be working on the 2015 budget and would be firming up plans for September through December of this year.

Lynn Adcox, Chairperson for the Education Committee, was not present but had submitted a written report. She stated that an Education Committee meeting was scheduled for August 6th to discuss next year’s budget. She said the Sunday School Committee was also scheduled to meet on August 6th to discuss the recent survey, and there were 68 total responses. Lynn Yaden asked if printed copies of the survey could be offered at the worship services on August 3rd to get additional responses. Robin Mellard said she would make copies for both services.

In addition, Lynn Adcox reported that Disciple 2 is now offered in a 24-week study rather than the traditional 32-week study. The program consists of updated videos and materials. Trainers have to be certified to teach Disciple 2. She wants to begin signing up participants after a notice is placed in the bulletin, newsletter, and is e-mailed to the congregation.

She added that Beth Moore has a Simulcast on September 13th. There is a cost to host, but she is contacting several churches to see if they would be interested in co-hosting the event.

Neither Ann Maggard or Marilyn Whatley, Co-Chairmen for the Member Care Committee, were present for the meeting, and no report was submitted.

Cheri Yates reported on the Fellowship Committee with her presence and a written report. She said there had been two trips to Sky Zone, a movie night with pizza and crafts, a Southern welcome for our new pastor, Reverend Mary Green (complete with barbecue and the delicious “fixins”), followed by an extremely successful Vacation Bible School. She added that she appreciated all the help from the volunteers. In addition, she said there was still a lot to look forward to with ping pong and ice cream this evening, back to school parties for all ages, a day trip to Carowinds for all ages, the annual youth trip to Myrtle Beach with our dear friends, Chris and Gloria Hughes, and the return of our Fall activities (Wonderful Wednesday, 5th Quarter, Joyful Noise Choir, Super Sunday Kids, Kids for Christ, and the MOB). Cheri said she is looking forward to working with Pastor Mary to open many doors to bring more and more people into God’s Kingdom.

Lynn Yaden will be facilitating a Safe Sanctuary Workshop on September 7th during the Sunday School hour. Notices will be placed in the bulletin and newsletter and will be sent out via e-mail.

Lynn Smith asked about approval procedures for Sunday School materials. Cheri Yates responded that there had not been any issues, and she doesn’t expect any unless someone from outside the church introduces questionable materials.

Linda Collins was not present to report on the Missions Committee; however, since they have not met during the summer, no new information was expected at this time.
Discussion then turned to the administrative reports.

Gay McCants, Finance Committee Chairperson, was not present but submitted a written report. She said she had begun the 2015 budget process following the June 30th review. This year, we have remained in Code Green with contributions meeting expenses. However, to meet ministry needs, additional funding is needed, and we will be accepting “Extra Funding” donations to be distributed in the remaining months of this year.

Revonda Hardesty, Stewardship Chairperson, was not present but has not yet met with Pastor Mary; therefore, there would be no new information to report at this time.

Lib Rentz, Lay Leader, was not present and did not submit a report.

Anthony Leopper, SPRC Chairperson, reported that the committee is looking for a new Music Director. So far, there has been one applicant. He has a list of volunteers for the interim.

Charlene Duke asked about the choir, which is supposed to begin meeting again in a couple of weeks. Cheri suggested that she contact Dr. David Rodgers to see if he would lead the choir until a new director is hired.

Allan Lanier, Trustee Chairperson, was not present and did not submit a written report. However, Lynn Smith said the Trustees are scheduled to meet on August 4th at 6:30 p.m. Lynn added that, since the Trustees have not met yet, no progress has been made on resolving the sign issue.

In addition, Lynn reported that Jody Perry had resigned as President of the United Methodist Men, and Del Collins, Vice President, would be assuming his duties. He added that the UMM had provided meals for Vacation Bible School and Salkehatchie.

Pastor Mary reported that she is getting information to prepare job descriptions for the Nominating Committee and has ordered guidelines. She will be attending a conference during the upcoming week at Lake Junaluska and plans to accompany the youth on their retreat at Myrtle Beach next weekend. She will be on vacation from September 14th-21st.

Lynn Smith reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee is now focusing on faith. They are developing steps to implement our church’s mission and increase leadership and plans to present a report to the Church Council sometime in January.

Under other reports/business, Robin Mellard has talked with Bart Brock about updating our website. Lynn Smith will draft a procedure for keeping committee records. Lynn Yaden asked about counseling related to the recent resignation of our music director, and Pastor Mary said counseling was available, if requested.

Lynn Smith suggested that Church Council meet every other month on the fourth Sunday at 4:00 p.m. instead of after the Finance Committee meeting. Pastor Mary added that she thought the Finance Committee was only required to meet quarterly but would check *The Book of Discipline*. All agreed with Lynn’s suggestion, and the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th, at 4:00 p.m. Ed Kennedy will offer the devotion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

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Church Council Recording Secretary
Committee Reports
Church Council Meeting
July 27, 2014

Cheri Yates – Fellowship/Children’s Ministries

This summer has flown by so fast but here at PUMC we have made lots of memories and have many more to make before we start back to school.

From two high flying trips to Sky Zone, a movie night with pizza and crafts, a Southern welcome to our new Pastor Mary Green complete with barbecue and all the delicious fixin’s, followed by an extremely successful Vacation Bible School thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers. We still have lots to look forward to with ping pong and ice cream tonight, back to school parties for all ages, a day trip to Carowinds for all ages, the youth annual trip to Myrtle Beach with our dear friends Chris and Gloria Hughes, and the return of our Fall activities (Wonderful Wednesday, football 5th Quarter, Joyful Noise Choir, Super Sunday Kids, Kids for Christ, and the MOB).

I am looking forward to working with Pastor Mary to open many new doors to bring more and more people into God’s Kingdom.

Sherry Villeponteaux - Worship

I will not be in town the day the meeting takes place. We are leaving for vacation immediately after church on Sunday, July 27. I do not have anything to report as we will not have a Worship Meeting until sometime in August. At the August meeting, we will be working on our budget for 2015 as well as firming up plans for September through December!

Gay McCants - Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee has begun the 2015 Budget process following the June 30th review. This year we have remained in Code Green with contributions meeting expenses. However, to meet ministry needs, we need additional funding, so we are accepting "Extra Funding" donations to be distributed in the fall.
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Sunday, September 28, 2014. Members present were: Del Collins, Charlene Duke, Rev. Mary Green, Revonda Hardesty, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, and Lynn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Ed Kennedy offered the devotional.

Lynn then asked the group to review the minutes of the last meeting. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Revonda Hardesty seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Lynn then began the ministry reports with the Worship Committee. Sherry Villeponteaux was not present but submitted that her committee is scheduled to meet on October 9th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming events (i.e., Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other pertinent information as it relates to worship. She said she will have a detailed report at the next Council meeting.

Lynn Adcox, Chairperson for the Education Committee, was not present but submitted a written report. (See Attachment 1) Pastor Mary said we have several qualified volunteers to lead Disciple – herself, the Burkes, and Lynn Yaden.

Neither Ann Maggard or Marilyn Whatley, Co-Chairmen for the Member Care Committee, were present for the meeting, and no report was submitted. Pastor Mary said she met with Ann recently. Lib Rentz said the bereavement/shower lists need to be updated.

Cheri Yates could not be present but submitted a written report. (See Attachment 2)

Linda Collins was not present to report on the Missions Committee, but she submitted a written report. (See Attachment 3) Revonda said meat would need to be provided for the meal following the Rocky Swamp Drummers service. It was suggested that she ask the Sunday School classes and church groups for donations.

Pastor Mary added that a church member wanted to change the PUMC mission statement. The Council unanimously agreed that they had already been voted on the current statement and would not reopen that issue.

Discussion then turned to the administrative reports.

Gay McCants, Finance Committee Chairperson, reported that the apportionment issue would be readdressed at the meeting on September 30th. She added that giving has dropped recently, and we are $5,000+ below what is needed for the budget. There will be a budget meeting on October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Revonda Hardesty, Stewardship Chairperson, reported that Stewardship Sunday would be on October 12th. She has already sent out letters and pledge cards. She said that of 203 family units, only 107 have given in 2014. Also, there were only 64 pledges submitted for 2014. There will only be one worship service on October 12th at 11 a.m., and it will be followed by a celebration meal and an announcement of total pledges for 2015.

Lib Rentz, Lay Leader, announced that there will be a program for lay leaders sometime in November, but she didn’t have the date yet. The Bishop will be conducting the meeting.

Anthony Leopper, SPRC Chairperson, was not present and did not submit a written report.
Pastor Mary confirmed that Brian Shepherd has been hired as the new PUMC Music Director.

Cindy Riley, Acting Trustee Chairperson, was not present and did not submit a written report.
Lynn Smith stated that the work on the new church office is progressing slowly. The original proposal to form a temporary committee to address the church sign issue called for two members of the Church Council, two Trustee members, and two members of the congregation. However, the Trustees suggested that an odd number may be better; so, it was decided that there would be two Church Council members, two Trustees, and three members of the congregation on the committee. Del Collins volunteered as a member of the Church Council. Lynn said he would contact Sherry Villeponteaux, Georgie Ford, Bonnie Corbin, and Doris Leary to see if they will serve as well.

Del Collins reported that the United Methodist Men have a proposed slate of officers for the new year. He added that there will be a spaghetti sauce cook-off for the Wonderful Wednesday meal on October 8th. The men will be assisting with the set up for the Rocky Swamp Drummers on October 19th. Pastor Mary said it would be good to have liaisons to work with the scouting program at the church. She added that she is tentatively planning to have Scout Sunday on October 26th and would be contacting the scout leaders.

Pastor Mary reported that the Committee on Nominations and Leadership has almost completed the nominations for 2015.

Lynn Smith reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee is now focusing on ways to measure the effectiveness of our various church ministries.

Pastor Mary said that the 2015 Annual Conference is scheduled for June 7-11. She said she enjoyed the “Pack a Pew” campaign. She has an appointment to meet with the District Superintendent on Tuesday, September 30th. She announced that the Charge Conference will be on November 2nd at 2 p.m.

Relative to Lynn’s recommendations for maintaining Committee records: Council agreed that all committees should send short written reports before each meeting reporting on their progress on their goals and responsibilities. All reports will be made part of the Council's minutes of meetings and be made visible to church members.

Therefore, Church Committees that want a permanent storage for their policies, procedures, and decisions should attach and make part of their report to the Council or make them part of the Committee's report to Charge Conference.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. to approve Charge Conference materials.

Lynn Smith will offer the devotion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Attachment 1

Education Committee

1) Education team met about budget. Completed.
2) Education team met about Sunday School survey to discuss results.
   * Positive results and comments from PUMC church members.
   * Good sound information regarding present Sunday School classes.
   * Pastor Mary will begin a Methodist study that may result in another Sunday school class once completed.
   * Update PUMC brochure of Sunday school classes. (In-progress)
   * Sunday morning breakfast: Positive comments about overall fellowship.
     Suggestions that we go back to lighter breakfast to make it easier.

3) Education Committee member Updated responsibilities. Putting together for Pastor Mary and others for reference.

4) Working on a financial plan for Education Committee to purchase from their budgeted lines.

5) Meeting with Sunday school teachers regarding materials this Fall and going into Spring.

6) Disciple 2 Study: New 24-week study. Teacher/Facilitator needs to be trained before this begins. (In-progress) (Many involved in completing the Beth Moore Daniel study that are interested in Disciple 2.) Follow up meeting when Pastor Mary returns from vacation to discuss.

In Christ,
Lynn Adcox
Education Chair
Attachment 2

Children

Super Sunday Kids, Wednesday Wigglers, Joyful Noise Choir are for K3-5th grade - each of these groups meets weekly for devotion, games, crafts, music, and snacks. The Joyful Noise Choir is currently working on their Christmas musical, "The Christmas Cross."

Youth

The LEGO & MOB meet weekly on Sunday evening for devotion, games, business, and Simple Supper.

On Saturday, November 1st (this is a date change due to availability of Central Hardware) the MOB will host a Barbecue lunch at Central Hardware. We will also have pick-up and delivery from the church. The cost is $6.00 and includes BBQ sandwich, chips, & dessert. Contact any youth member or Cheri Yates (509-3536) to place your order.

5th Quarter

On Friday, October 17th we will celebrate Berkeley's Homecoming with a 5th Quarter dance following the game and lasting till 12:00 midnight. The cost of the dance is $3.00 per person. We will have "Deyond" the DJ and lots of food and fun. Contact Cheri Yates 509-3536 if you can donate food or for more information.

Our final 5th Quarter for the season will be on Friday, October 31st, following the game till 12:00 midnight. Food, games, music, and fun!

Family

Wonderful Wednesday continues through the month of October with delicious meals followed by Bible Studies for all ages.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 26th from 4-7 p.m. We will begin the evening with music & worship followed by carnival games, giant slide, face painting, chili contest, carved pumpkin contest, adult costume contest, hot dogs, and candy from all of our participants! Make plans to join us with a decorated car to pass out lots of goodies to the children in our community.

**Decorated cars are not required to pass out goodies. Come and bring a comfortable chair to enjoy the fun and pass out goodies.**

Cheri Yates
Fellowship Chairperson
Attachment 3

RE: Missions Committee report for Church Council

The committee has been working on next year’s plans, budget and calendar.

The following is a report from each team on what we have been doing in September and will do in October and November.

**Local Disaster Relief**-A proposal is being finalized for PUMC to offer our facilities to our members as an emergency shelter.

**Foreign Missions**-Fund raisers that have been going on to support the Dominion Republic mission that Sherry and Gene Villeponteaux are going on at the end of October are: Virtual Build, car wash, yard sale and BBQ meals, soap sale.

**US Missions**-We are putting plans in place for a trip to Red Bird Missions in Kentucky for next year.

**Local Missions-Hope Repair** -We have participated in four work days and have two more this year. We will carry a Christmas gift on the December work day to the homeowner who we will work for.

**Food Drive**-Presently our donations are being delivered to Sumpter Free Clinic.

**Epworth Children’s Home**-A date for a work day visit is on the calendar for November but has not been confirmed. A gift basket will be taken.

**Native American Missions**-Revonda Hardesty went to the Southeastern Jurisdiction Association of Native American Ministries at Lake Junaluska at the end of June bringing excellent information back to us. Santee Tribe held their 2nd annual POW WOW and five people from PUMC attended. Donations of baked goods, chips, hot dogs and buns were taken for the tribe to sell and raise money for their community Christmas party. Elders’ baskets will be taken to the tribe in December and donations from our church are being taken to fill these baskets. Rocky Swamp Drummers are coming October 19th and will hold the service. A meal is being planned for them after the service but details are not confirmed.

Linda Collins
Missions Chair
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Sunday, October 23, 2014. Members present were: Rev. Mary Green, Cheyanne Greene, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotional. He cited John 5:15, and read “The Vine and the Branches,” a prayer from the *Native American Hymnal*.

Lynn then asked the group to review the minutes of the last meeting. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were approved as written.

Lynn then began discussion of proposed meeting times for Church Council. The Finance Committee is moving their meetings to the fourth Monday of the month. It was decided that Council would meet on either the first Monday of the month or the fourth Thursday. The matter will be decided at the January meeting (Lynn will set the date for that meeting).

Next on the agenda was approval of Charge Conference materials for November 2nd. District Superintendent, Patricia Parrish, has requested that Pastor Mary preside over our Charge Conference. Pastor Mary asked that the time for the Charge Conference be moved up from 2 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. Cheyanne Greene presented the 2015 PUMC Budget for approval. It was noted that we have received 50 pledges for 2015 totaling $195,480. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Lynn Smith seconded the motion, and the budget was approved.

Pastor Mary said there were still some open slots for Evangelism, Stewardship, and Education for the ministry teams. Some suggestions for filling these openings were Bill Greene for Evangelism, Melissa Leopper for Education, and either Jim Bunch or Julie Horton for Stewardship. Pastor Mary said she would contact them.

Lynn provided the necessary signatures for reports from the Trustees, Safe Sanctuary, and Accountable Reimbursement Policy.

Under administrative and support issues, the Church Sign Committee is scheduled to meet on October 30th, and is being chaired by William Robinson.

Pastor Mary commented that Chief Keith Hiott is scheduled for surgery on November 5th at the V.A. Hospital for the removal of blood clots and asked for prayers. She added that the “Passing of the Peace” segment of the worship services was too long and will ask that the congregation stay in their pews and greet only the people in their immediate area.

Lynn Smith will offer the devotion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin Mellard*

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Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, January 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Chab Clarke, Del Collins, Linda Collins, Rev. Mary Green, Cheyanne Greene, Nickie Linville, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, Lynn Smith, and Cheri Yates.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.


As an orientation for new Council members, Lynn reviewed the purpose of the Church Council as stated in the Book of Discipline and United Methodist Church training. He also went over the structure of the Council, proposed agenda, reporting, decision-making process, and meeting minutes.

Lynn then asked the group to review the minutes of the last meeting. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were approved as written.

Gay presented the financial report. She said she and Linda Collins have been working to pay penalties for late payroll tax payments last year in the amount of $566.89 and discussed the balance sheet for December 31, 2014.

Cheyanne Greene stated that the budget that was approved by the Council in October, 2014, would have to be amended to add a line item to cover the unexpected penalty charge for late payment of payroll taxes in 2014. Cheyanne asked for a motion to add the line item. Lib Rentz made the motion, and Nickie Linville seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to add the line item.

Lynn added that it may possible that our liability insurance will cover the penalty amount and plans to talk to our insurance representative when he/she comes on February 9th at 7 p.m. to meet with the Trustees.

Lynn then reported on the Long-Range Planning Committee. He said the current focus is on spiritual growth. He discussed a five-year plan to fulfill our mission statement – Vision 2020. He said there are four areas to consider: financial stability, growth in numbers, leadership development, and spiritual development. He said the goals will be determined by committees and reported to the Council by committee chairpersons. He also presented a proposed timeline (see attachments).

In addition, he said the workshop “How to Reach New People” that will be held at North Charleston United Methodist Church on January 23rd and 24th will help with the planning, because each team will develop and action plan to take home.

Cheyanne thanked Lynn for the hard work the Long-Range Planning Committee did in putting the plan together and made a motion that we implement it. Gay seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Lynn also announced that a procedure is now in place for members using our church facility in the event of inclement weather (see attachment).

Linda Collins volunteered to offer the devotion at our next meeting scheduled for March 26th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Cheyanne made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
March 26, 2015

A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Lynn Adcox, Rev. Mary Green, Cheyanne Greene, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, Lynn Smith (Chair), and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotional and a prayer.

Vision 2020: Lynn reviewed the previous meeting’s commitments regarding Vision 2020. Pastor Mary reported that she has met with most of the group chairpersons (Sherry Villeponteaux, Julie Horton, Nickie Linville, and Cheri Yates). Cheri Yates is working on job descriptions for all areas. Lynn said the focus will be on goal-setting at the May meeting.

Ministry Team Reports:

Leadership (Pastor Mary) – See Vision 2020 above.

Worship (Sherry Villeponteaux) – Shared plans for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (Brian Shepherd will be coordinating the music), and the Easter Cantata. She announced that Homecoming will be on April 19th with only one service at 11 a.m. Dr. Frank McCoy will be our guest speaker for Homecoming. Lynn expressed his concerns regarding the difficulty in lighting the altar candles, and Sherry said she is referring the problem to Ann Maggard and Lisa Swiney (Acolyte Coordinators) for resolution.

Education (Melissa Leopper) – Melissa was not present and did not submit a written report.

Member Care – (Lynn Adcox) – Lynn said she has not yet met with Pastor Mary but plans to do so soon.

Fellowship (Cheri Yates) – Cheri could not be present but submitted a written report (see attached).

Evangelism (Nickie Linville) – Not present but submitted a written report (see attached).

Missions (Linda Collins) – Linda was not present due to illness and did not submit a written report.

Administrative & Supportive Reports:

Finance (Cheyanne Greene/Gay McCants) – Cheyanne reported that we are still in Code Yellow. The balance of the operating account as of March 25th, 2015, was $2,980.96; however, Gay said all of the bills have been paid. Gay reviewed the PUMC Internal Controls Table showing which church leaders have the authority to have access to the funds in various church accounts (see attached). Gay added that she is making an effort to keep those with access to church funds apprised of the balance in their account so they will not overspend.

Stewardship (Julie Horton) – Julie was not present, but Pastor Mary stated that stewardship is an ongoing effort throughout the year. She said she has added a Stewardship Moment to her worship planning once a month (committee chairs will present), and a Stewardship Fair is planned for later this year.

Lay Leader (Lib Rentz) – Lib was present but had nothing new to report.

SPRC (Anthony Leopper) – Anthony was not present. Annual staff evaluations will take place on Sunday, March 29th, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Trustees (Lynn Smith) – Lynn Smith reviewed his written report (see attached). He reported that William Tippett has volunteered to replace William Robinson (moving), and Dan Hare has been nominated to replace Ray Deininger (resigned for health reasons) on the Trustees. Gay made a motion to accept the replacements, Cheyanne seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Lynn also said the asking price for the land adjacent to the church property is $50,000 (not negotiable per owner). Mary said she would like to have the property appraised to see if the owner would reconsider the asking price. Gay and Cheyanne
suggested that the land be evaluated by the Corps of Engineers to see if it is adequate for a building. Lynn said he would contact the Corps of Engineers.

**United Methodist Men** (Lynn Smith) – Lynn stated that the focus of the meeting on April 21st would be the scouting ministry. He added that the UMM will be preparing breakfast on Easter morning after the Sunrise Service.

Gay noted that the minutes of the previous meeting had not been approved. Cheyanne made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and the minutes were approved.

Pastor Mary volunteered to offer the devotion at our next meeting scheduled for May 28th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Del Collins, Linda Collins, Rev. Mary Green, Cheyanne Greene, Dr. Julie Horton, Robin Mellard, Lynn Smith (Chair), Gene Villeponteaux, and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Pastor Mary Green offered the devotional and a prayer.

The minutes of the March 26th meeting were reviewed. Dr. Julie Horton made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Cheyanne Greene seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

**Vision 2020:** Pastor Mary reported that she still needs to meet with the SPRC, and that Cheri Yates is still working on job descriptions for various ministry areas. Lynn said the first goal to be addressed at the July Council meeting will be agreeing on ministry titles and definitions. For example, Pastor Mary said that the description for the Leadership Team should not include staffing because that is the function of the SPRC.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**Leadership** (Pastor Mary) – See Vision 2020 above.

**Worship** (Sherry Villeponteaux) – Sherry provided a written report (see attached). She added that she plans to stop changing the worship service times so often (maybe twice a year at the most).

**Education** (Melissa Leopper) – Melissa was not present and did not submit a written report.

**Member Care** – (Lynn Adcox) – Lynn was not present, but Pastor Mary said they had met.

**Fellowship** (Cheri Yates) – Cheri could not be present but submitted a written report (see attached).

**Evangelism** (Nickie Linville) – Nickie was not present and did not submit a written report

**Missions** (Linda Collins) – Linda was present and submitted a written report (see attached).

**Administrative & Supportive Reports:**

**Finance** (Cheyanne Greene/Gay McCants) – Cheyanne reported that we are still in Code Yellow, and we are a month behind in paying our apportionments. She added that she plans to have a balanced budget based on pledges next year.

**Stewardship** (Julie Horton) – Julie said she is planning a Stewardship Job Fair on August 30th so the congregation will be aware of the opportunities and responsibilities in serving in the various ministry areas of the church. Commitment Sunday is planned for September 13th.

**Lay Leader** (Lib Rentz) – Lib was not present and did not submit a written report.

**SPRC** (Anthony Leopper) – Anthony was not present and did not submit a written report.

**Trustees** (Lynn Smith) – Lynn reported that he had contacted the Corps of Engineers, and they said the evaluation could be done in seven to eight months. The Corps of Engineers also said we could have the evaluation done by an independent contractor and submitted to them. Charles Glover has volunteered to serve as facilitator with the Corps of Engineers.

Lynn also stated that the church facility usage procedures have been updated and will receive final approval at the June Trustees meeting.

Lynn added that someone needs to be assigned the responsibility of posting messages on our new church sign. Sarah Hare has volunteered, but it was decided that more than one person should have input on what is important enough to be posted (a committee will take over after nominations).
Wednesday Women (Linda Collins) – Linda announced the Wednesday Women Yard Sale will be held on June 13th in Georgie Ford’s yard beginning at 7 a.m. She added that a retreat is planned September 18-20 at Myrtle Beach.

United Methodist Men (Del Collins) – Del said our church will host the Bike and Build group on May 28th and 29th. UMM will provide dinner at 5:30 p.m., and the group will present a program at 6:30 p.m., followed by dessert. He added that the Salkehatchie sendoff will take place on June 7th, and Berkeley High School’s Coach Jeff Cruce will be the speaker at the UMM meeting on June 16th (all are invited to share desserts following).

Lynn said proposed agenda items for the next meeting will be evaluation of Wonderful Wednesday program, spiritual development/leadership program, and SPRC report on staffing.

Linda Collins volunteered to offer the devotion at our next meeting scheduled for July 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Good Morning Mr. Lynn,

Here is my report for the meeting tonight.

Have a great day!

Cheri

The following are the programs and activities for the month of June:

Christmas In June
Join us June 22-25 for Vacation Bible School when we will celebrate Christmas in June. Let's take the time to learn more about the Advent season and the birth of Jesus Christ. There will be classes for toddlers - adults. Each evening will begin with a meal at 5:30. Assembly at 6:00 and the evening will end at 8:30. Teachers are needed. Please contact Cheri Yates at 509-3536 if you can help.

The youth Carowinds/Outdoor Adventure trip will be June 12-15. It will be a weekend of whitewater rafting, zip lines, roller coasters, and water park. We will leave on Friday, June 12th at 6:30 AM.

Celebrating Dad! All men of the church are invited to join us on Sunday, June 21st at 9:00 for our annual Father's Day breakfast.
May 24th is Graduation Sunday, and our youth will handle the service. There will be a lunch after a 10 a.m. service to honor the graduates.

On Sunday, May 31st, there will be one service at 10 a.m. A farewell lunch for Cheri Yates will follow the worship service. The congregation is asked to provide sides and desserts for the meal.

The Salkehatchie sendoff will be on June 7th. The Annual Conference also begins on June 7th. There will be a Father’s Day breakfast provided by the women of the church on June 21st.

Pastor Mary and I have not planned anything past June as of this date for worship.

The choir and hand bell choir will be given the months of June and July off from practice and will resume in August, according to Brian. The choir will, however, be present in the choir loft each Sunday during those two months.

May I take the liberty of thanking the Sign Committee for a job well done! What an asset to our church property, and all glory be given to God who made it possible!

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Villeponteaux
Worship Committee Chair
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Del Collins, Linda Collins, Georgie Ford, Rev. Mary Green, Cheyanne Greene, Davey Hare, Sarah Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Nickie Linville, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Kyle Rodgers, Brian Shepherd, Arleigh Wells, and Joan Wells.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Dr. Julie Horton. (Lynn Smith, Council Chair, could not be at the meeting.)

Linda Collins offered the devotional, and Pastor Mary Green opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the May 26th meeting were reviewed. Linda Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Finance:** Gay McCants reported that, as of June 30th, we were still in Code Yellow. She has paid the apportionments for June. Cheyanne Greene asked Robin Mellard to report her findings regarding pledges. Robin said quite a few members were not meeting their pledges, but some were giving well above their pledged amount. Gay added that 2016 Budget planning is underway.

**Stewardship:** Julie plans to have a Stewardship Fair on August 30th so church members will be aware of the many opportunities to serve the church. The fair will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and extend through the Sunday School hour (breakfast will be served). The fair will continue after the 11 a.m. service. Commitment Sunday will be on September 13th.

**Trustees:** The Trustees are getting bids to resolve the air conditioning issue in the Fellowship Hall, and are working on a safety sign for the playground.

**Vision 2020:** Julie tabled this item until the next meeting when Lynn Smith could be present.

**New People:** Pastor Mary reported that she is trying to spend eight hours a week in the community (e.g., Kiwanis and other community activities). Georgie Ford suggested that we have a Facebook page to advertise our church activities, but someone would have to be found to maintain the site. Nickie Linville shared some ideas for evangelistic activities.

**Evaluation of Programs:** Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on August 12th. The first evening will feature school supply night, Salkehatchie presentations, and homemade ice cream. Fran and Jim Bunch will be preparing the meal (food will be served from 5-6 p.m.). The schedule each Wednesday will begin with a meal at 5 p.m., adult Bible studies from 6-7 p.m., children's program led by Linda Collins from 6-7 p.m., hand bell practice from 6-6:45 p.m. (tentative), and choir practice from 7-8 p.m.

Kyle Rodgers, Lisa Swiney, and Ann Maggard have volunteered to lead the youth (6th-12th grades) until a permanent director can be hired. Their program will begin on Sunday, August 2nd, at 6 p.m.

A new Sunday School Superintendent is needed to replace Keith Yates.

The SPRC has a job description for the Youth Director's position. It will be disseminated statewide. Anthony Leopper has moved, and a new SPRC Chair will need to be selected.

A blood drive is scheduled for August 9th from 12-5 p.m. in the PUMC Fellowship Hall.

Nickie Linville volunteered to offer the devotion at the next meeting which is scheduled for September 24th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, September 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Cheyanne Greene, Dr. Julie Horton, Nickie Linville, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Nickie Linville offered the devotional.

The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Julie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Gay seconded the motion.

**Administrative Reports:**

**Finance:** Gay reported we were still in Code Yellow (see attached reports). She added that PUMC has received a total of $8,964.25 from insurance covering the lightning strike damage. Lynn said the Sanctuary roof sustained a lot of damage and needs to be replaced. Cheyanne stated that we have been in Code Yellow since February and are one month behind in paying apportionments.

Cheyanne said the Finance Committee strived for a balanced budget this year. Robin reported that we have received $196,068 to date in 2016 pledges. The Finance Committee approved the 2016 budget on September 22nd totaling $224,914 (see attached). Julie made a motion to accept the proposed 2016 budget, Nickie seconded the motion, and the budget was unanimously approved.

**Stewardship:** The Stewardship Fair on August 30th had great displays, but not many people signed up. Julie said she might do it again in a couple of years.

**Trustees:** Lynn reported that the owner of the property adjacent to the church granted permission to have an engineering firm approved by the Corps of Engineers evaluate the land. He said the evaluation revealed only a small portion is considered wetlands. He added that the Trustees recommend selling the Land-O-Pines property (estimated value $50,000) and using the funds for capital improvements.

He said a pet policy has been approved only allowing service animals into church facilities. He added that a set of posts will be provided to display banners near the road.

**Committee Reports:**

Nickie Linville said the Evangelism Committee is planning a Community Christmas Service at 6 p.m. in the new Moncks Corner Recreation Park on either December 6th or 12th. She added that PUMC church members are praying for the faculty at St. Stephen Middle School as a project this year.

**Other Business:**

Lynn expressed concern that people were not listening to Pastor Mary's announcements before the Wonderful Wednesday meal. Julie suggested that Pastor Mary open with a prayer and make announcements at that time using a microphone.

Lynn also wanted the Council's input on whether the Trustees should allow the scouts to use the church bus for two weeks next summer for a trip. Council members thought it might be unwise because of maintenance issues and the unavailability of the bus for church functions.

Cheyanne suggested that a log should be placed in the bus for cleaning and gas fill-up check-offs.

Julie volunteered to offer the devotion at the next meeting in January. Lynn will not be available for a meeting in October to approve Charge Conference materials, but Julie will announce a called meeting to provide the necessary approvals.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
A called meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Pastor Mary Green, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotional, citing 1 Samuel 16, and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Lynn stated that the purpose of the meeting was to approve changes to the committees submitted at the 2015 Charge Conference. Dot Clarke was taken off the Nominations Committee because she is not a member of PUMC, as is required to serve on that committee, and Lib Rentz was added in her place. In addition, Sarah Hare was removed from the Trustees at her request, and Joan Wells was added in her place.

The Safe Sanctuary Policy will be sent to the District Office as well as the committee changes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Fwd: Church council report
2 messages

James lynn & linda Smith <smithsc@homesc.com>
To: Methodist Pinopolis <pinopolisumc@homesc.com>

Thu, Mar 26, 2015 at 12:49 PM

------------- Forwarded message -------------
From: cheri yates <cheri323@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 26, 2015 at 11:58 AM
Subject: Church council report
To: Lynn & Linda Smith <smithsc@homesc.com>

Sorry I will not be able to attend.

The Joyful Noise Choir will present some Special Music this Sunday during our Church Family Easter lunch.

Last Sunday and this Sunday the youth have had Mission Projects. Last week they visited a neighborhood and delivered Easter Eggs with a special message and an invitation to our Holy Week activities.
This week they will visit our Homebound with Easter baskets.
The youth are working on plans for a trip to Carowinds and the Outdoor Adventure Center in June.

Wonderful Wednesday has finished for this season and will resume in August.

In April we will hold a Church Family game night for some fun and fellowship.

James lynn & linda Smith <smithsc@homesc.com>
To: Methodist Pinopolis <pinopolisumc@homesc.com>

Thu, Mar 26, 2015 at 8:38 PM

FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
[Quoted text hidden]
Evangelism Committee Goals for 2015

1. Sponsoring the Holy City Concert

2. Prayer Walk

3. Adoption of School for Prayer

4. Assisting w/ Main Street candlelight event.
1. Organization status was completed at the March 09 meeting with
   1. Chair Lynn Smith -
   2. Vice Chair - Beth Grosso -
   3. Secretary - Robin Austin.
2. We have two openings to be filled. William Robinson and Ray Deininger
3. Developed both yearly maintenance and code yellow plans.
4. Due to construction of new offices had to move one of the scout
   groups to V. Ingle Class room on Monday nights thereby limiting use of
   V. Ingle for Church's meeting. Need to review for next fiscal year.
5. Work day scheduled for March 28
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as of: March 5, 2015
## PUMC INTERNAL CONTROLS
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**TOTAL BUDGET** $271,362

as of: March 5, 2015
Mission Committee Report to Church Council
May 26, 2015

The Mission teams have met twice since the last council meeting.

Fundraiser: Lenten crosses-75 Made, 73 sold @$20 each. Funds were deposited into General Mission account to be used to support mission trips to emergency disaster areas. The mission committee must vote on the disbursement of these funds.

Food Drive: The food drive competition was successful. All food was given to the Santee Native American Tribe. Funds raised were $661.00. These funds were divided as follows: $150.00 for Hope Repair families at Christmas, $300.00 for Elder baskets at Christmas, the balance of $211.00 to the Santee Tribe.

Red Bird Mission Trip fundraiser lunch: On the day of the lunch $1004.00 was made which was a combination of ticket sales and donations. We have continued to receive donations.

Red Bird Trip: Nine participates traveled to the mission. We were blessed with the family, Marilyn and Baxter Brock. We built a coal house, painted the living room, replaced covering on the top of an exterior wall, replaced back door and added storm door, and other small things to make their life easier.

Mission fair: We participated with a presentation/display table for the District conference. We highlighted Hope Repair and the Santee Native American Tribe partnership.

Salkehatchie: We have three camps represented. The number of campers is undetermined at this time.

Linda Collins
Chair of Missions
### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES FOR IMPLEMENTATION VISION 2020

*AS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL JANUARY 22, 2015*

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2015 - 2020
**VISION 2020 - CHURCH COUNCIL TIMELINE –**  
*As accepted by council on January 22, 2015*

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DIRECTIONS FOR COORDINATORS

PROPOSAL TO OFFER THE PUMC FACILITIES TO ITS MEMBERS IN NEED DURING TIMES OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. Those Members who are in need of this offer may be contacted by Church, contact other church members, Church Secretary, Pastor or any Coordinator listed below.
2. Members is need shall be directed to come to Church office to meet with a Coordinator. If Coordinator has not been contacted, Church Secretary to call one.
3. Church secretary shall maintain this instructions and procedure to give to the members and the Coordinators at the time of arrival.
   a. Members in need shall be presented the procedure for their agreement for compliance. Agreement shall be indicated by signature on procedure. Copy made and given to Church secretary for filing.
      i. If absolutely necessary, arrival may be allowed to be outside of the Church secretary’s normal working hours.
         1. Members and Coordinator will agree to meet at the Fellowship hall.
         2. Coordinator will verbally describe the conditions of acceptance and can present procedure the next day.
   b. Then taken to the Fellowship Hall by Coordinator.
4. After settling in, the Coordinator shall leave and leave telephone numbers that he/she or other Coordinators may be reached. See below.
5. Coordinators do not need to check on members unless called.
6. Upon Members leaving, coordinator shall inspect the facilities for compliance to procedure.
7. LIST OF COORDINATORS

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FULLFILL MISSION STATEMENT – VISION 2020
To be who we should be! – 4 areas of focus

FINANCIAL STABILITY
- BALANCED BUDGET – 100% APPORTIONMENTS
- PLAN FOR CARE OF BUILDINGS
- STEWARDSHIP PLANNING - YEAR LONG & FULL RANGE

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- ACCESS TO UMC GUIDELINES, JOB DESCRIPTIONS
- PROVIDE TRAINING
- WORK TOGETHER AS A UNIFIED BODY OF CHRIST’S BELIEVERS
- CONDUCT WELL RUN COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- COMMUNICATIONS AMONG LEADERS
- SUCCESSION PLANNING - VICE CHAIRS
- CONSENSUS TRAINING

GROWTH IN NUMBERS
- REACH OUT AND BRING THEM IN
- USE VITAL CONGREGATIONS AS GUIDE
- MORE FOCUS ON VISITORS @ SUNDAY SERVICE & YOUNGER COUPLES ATTENDING
- GREETERS
- CALLING MEMBERS WHO MISS ATTENDANCE

SPiritual development
- EVALUATE MISSION STATEMENT
- ABIDING IN THE WORD
- CARE OF CHURCH FACILITIES
- FOSTER SPIRITUAL LEADERS
- CARE OF COMMUNITY/ WORLD
- PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
- HELP THEM RELATE TO GOD
- NURTURE DISCIPLES

2. Move toward what God is doing in our Church
4. Congregational specialist, Reverend Genova McFadden, could assist with this process.
5. Discuss at January Council Meeting goals & fruit

BOOK OF DISCIPLINE # 252 “... provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church ... envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church “
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, January 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Pastor Mary Green, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith. Trustees present were: Robin Austin, William Tippets, and Joan Wells. Other church members present were: Georgie Ford, Gene Villeponteaux, and Patricia Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotional, citing Nehemiah 1 and 2, and asked Davey Hare to open the meeting with a prayer.

Lynn stated that the focus of the meeting was to respond to direction from the November 1 Charge Conference for determination of and approval of sale price relative to the property the church owns at 300 Meadowlark and 318 Land-O-Pines Circle, Lot #77 (.36 acres). Trustee presentation of their findings is found as an attachment to these minutes. The highest property value is estimated at $70,000 (based on an appraisal by Carolina One on December 28, 2015). Lynn said the matters to be decided by the Church Conference were whether to sell the property (ourselves or through a realtor), the price, and where the proceeds will be placed (e.g., capital improvements, use the buy property adjacent to the church, or place in savings) and not the responsibility of the Council at this meeting.

The Trustees have made a motion to sell the property (as will be designated at the January 28th Church Conference), and place the funds in the Capital Assets account for major church repairs. After lengthy discussion, Nelda Diegel made a motion to sell the property in Land-O-Pines for $70,000, use the proceeds to purchase the property adjacent to the church ($50,000), and apply the balance toward building improvements. Dan Hare seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Council members present. The motion will be presented to the congregation at the Church Conference meeting scheduled for January 28th at 6:30 p.m.

As a matter of information, the owner of the property adjacent to the church has set a deadline for the end of February, 2016, for a decision and is asking $50,000 for the land.

Lynn then began new member orientation for the Council. He reviewed the agenda format and proposed that Council meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. In addition, he suggested that the focus of the meetings alternate with
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, February 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Pastor Mary Green, Dr. Julie Horton, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Nelda Neigel, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Nickie Linville, Hunter Maggard, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, Nancy Whaley

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotional and read excerpts from *UMC Guidelines for Church Council* and *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* related to our *Bible* purpose. He proposed that the person who delivers the devotional at future meetings relate it to their committee's function with a Biblical reference. He then opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Reports**

**Finance:** Gay McCants reported that, as of the end of January, we had $3,425.50 over the amount needed to cover budgeted expenses. The new telephones have been installed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and the motion was carried.

**Stewardship:** Dr. Julie Horton asked whether she should continue to place a "Stewardship Moment" in the bulletins and newsletters. Council agreed that she should do so. She said she plans to meet with Pastor Mary soon to begin working on this year's stewardship campaign.

**Nomination and Leadership:** Pastor Mary has met with committees to make sure they know what their responsibilities and functions are. She said when the job descriptions have been completed, she will compile them in a booklet for Council members. SPRC has asked that someone other than Pastor Mary make announcements at worship services, and it was agreed that the matter be left up to the Worship Committee.

**Lay Leader:** Davey Hare was not present but has met with Pastor Mary.

**SPRC:** Brian Swiney was not present--no report.

**Trustees:** Dan Hare was not present, but Lynn Smith stated that an insurance agent will be present at the next Trustees meeting on March 8th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss our church's coverage.

Lynn added that Brian Shepherd had presented a detailed plan for renovations to the sanctuary and choir room. Lynn said that some of the items can be addressed, but we don't have the funding to implement the plan at this time.

Lynn also said the meeting with the District is anticipated to be March 21st to discuss decisions on land approvals made at the Church Conference. Time of meeting TBA.

**Program Ministries:** The Wednesday Women Tea is March 5th. The United Methodist Men are working on a contemporary version of a play based on the Book of Job that will be presented on April 2nd at 6 p.m.

**Goals and Plans for 2016**

Lynn reviewed the Vision 2020 flowchart and proposed to combine it with results of the March Council meeting to discuss the book *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* and create one document. Under financial stability, most of our goals have been achieved or are in the process of being achieved. Our leadership development goals for guidelines and job descriptions are currently being worked on and District training was provided. The remaining leadership and development goals are a work in progress, as are growth in numbers, and spiritual development.

Pastor Mary added that at a recent conference, she learned it is helpful for a church to have a theme so it is known in the community (e.g., "A little church with a big heart"). She asked the council to think about the idea and jot down thoughts.

Lynn said a specific initiative that he wishes the Council to work toward to help in achieving the 2020 Goals is to help in defining the scope of responsibility for ministry teams. One area is to request that the devotion to be from the UMC Guidelines depicting ministry area and the *Bible* reference. The second area is that Pastor Mary will put together a package of job descriptions for Council to reference.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 24th at 6:30 p.m. There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Lynn will ask for a volunteer for the March devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Mellard**
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, March 24th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Del Collins, Linda Collins, Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Pastor Mary Green, Davey Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Beth Grosso, Dan Hare, Nickie Linville, Hunter Maggard, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lib Rentz opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the February 25th meeting were reviewed, Dr. Julie Horton made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and the minutes were approved.

**Ministry Team Reports**

Questions relative to Children's Church Coordinator and Education/Church School Coordinator reporting appearing on the agenda were answered with both being under the Worship Chairperson.

**Worship** -- Lib Rentz: Lib gave an overview of worship committee purpose and responsibilities. She said she plans to meet with her committee quarterly. She asked for Council approval to change worship time beginning on May 1st. Her committee proposed breakfast at 8:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and worship at 10:15 a.m. Robin Mellard said she thought the proposed times would be awkward, and the suggested times were amended for Sunday School to begin at 9 a.m. and worship to begin at 10:00 a.m. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the proposed worship schedule with the changes in the times suggested beginning on May 1st, Nelda seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

**Member Care** -- Lynn Adcox: Lynn was not present. No report.

**Evangelism** -- Nickie Linville: Nickie was not present. No report.

**Missions** -- Linda Collins: Linda said there are currently three mission areas in which her committee is working: (1) Hope Repair, (2) Red Bird, and (3) Salkehatchie. She said eight are confirmed to go to on the Red Bird Mission, and she added that there will be a chicken bog fundraiser on April 8th and a benefit banquet on April 24th. Adults planning to attend Salkehatchie will have to pay their own way this year, but if money is raised, it could be used to help adults who can't afford to go. It was decided that if a participant is over 17, but still in school, the church will pay. Dr. Julie Horton suggested that it be left up to the Missions Committee to decide who will receive assistance.

**Communications** -- Nelda Diegel: Nelda reported that Rebecca Meree has been doing a good job with the PUMC Facebook page. She added that she is still trying to get access to our web page. Pastor Mary said she will help Nelda write a job description for communications.

**Resource Ministries**

Lynn Smith reported that our church has met with the District Office and has received approval to sell the Land-O-Pines property and purchase the land adjacent to the church. Any excess proceeds must be placed in the Capital Improvements Account.

**Goals and Plans for 2016**

Discussion turned to *Autopsy of a Deceased Church*. Some insights included the need to go out to the community, rather than having the community come to us and increase our evangelistic efforts; and the need to be a welcoming and non-judgmental church, with greeters in the church and parking area. Pastor Mary suggested doing a church-wide study of the book on Wednesday evenings, beginning on June 1st. Lynn asked the Pastor to address the Council on her assessment of the state of our church (strengths and weaknesses) at the next meeting (business session).

The next meeting was scheduled for April 28th, but due to conflicts for several members, the meeting will be on April 21st instead at 6:30 p.m. Davey Hare will offer the devotion at the next meeting using as a basis his job description as Lay Leader.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Linda Collins, Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Pastor Mary Green, Beth Grosso, Davey Hare, Ed Kennedy, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Linda Collins offered a devotion focused on missions in relationship to service to God and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the April 24th meeting were reviewed. Dr. Julie Horton asked that a correction be made to item 4 on page 2 regarding her planning of an event to study *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* to read “pending coordination with the new pastor.” She then made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Dan Hare seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**Ministry Team Reports**

**Worship** -- Lib Rentz was not present, but Lynn asked for feedback on the worship time change. Council members responded that they had not heard a lot of negative opinions. However, Dan said concerns had been expressed to him about announcements at the beginning of the service not being done. Several members said they had heard many negative comments about the altar rail being removed and modified. It was expressed that the Worship Committee give the congregation some warning and get feedback before making major changes. Julie said the proposed changes should have been presented to the Church Council, with an e-mail inviting all interested members to attend the meeting to offer input, before final action was taken. When asked what is being done to address the continued problems with the candle lighters, it was reported that the Wednesday Women have set aside money to purchase new candle lighters, and Lib is supposed to order them. Linda Collins, a member of the committee, will take this feedback to the next meeting.

**Member Care** -- Lynn Adcox: Lynn was not present. No report. This may be an open position to be addressed by the Nominations Committee.

**Evangelism** -- Nickie Linville: Nickie was not present. No report. Nickie has resigned her position due to health issues. This is an open position to be addressed by the Nominations Committee.

**Missions** -- Linda Collins: Linda said the seven members were scheduled to go on the Red Bird Mission trip to Kentucky. However, Linda was ill, and Sherry Villeponteaux's father died, so they were not able to go. She added that they raised a substantial amount of money through fundraisers and accomplished a great deal on the trip.

Linda added that PUMC is hosting an UMCOR group the week following Vacation Bible School (June 6-10). Lynn said the Trustees will insure that the facilities are in good order and the visitors have what they need.

In her children's ministry report, Linda again discussed Vacation Bible School and said she is planning a picnic and two movie nights during the summer.

Linda said she thinks our church needs more active children and youth programs and cited a need to hire a young person to lead the programs. Members supported Linda's proposal as long as we can financially afford the new staff position. Dan said the issue needed to be referred to the SPRC. Dan and Chab are on the SPRC and said they would bring it up at the next meeting.

Due to inactive positions and resignations, the Nominations Committee should activate as soon as the new pastor gets settled. It was noted that job descriptions that Pastor Mary is putting together should specifically state which meetings the person holding that job should attend (e.g., Finance, Church Council, etc.).

**Communications** -- Nelda Diegel: Nelda reported that she completed a job description for Communications but has not yet received feedback from Pastor Mary. She added that the PUMC website is current as well as the electronic calendar. Rebecca Meree is maintaining the Facebook page. Linda asked Nelda to tell Rebecca not to include the names of people going on trips, because it lets others know they are not at home and invites crime.

Robin was asked to add the website address, as well as physical address and telephone number to the newsletters.

Lynn asked who was responsible for planning Wonderful Wednesday. He would like the Council to study the program and wants to place it on the agenda for July or August and invite input from the congregation.
Dan stated that there have been inquiries regarding the Land-O-Pines property but nothing concrete. He added that we still plan to purchase the property adjacent to the church on July 1st; however, the title still has to clear (three other people have first rights of refusal).

In discussion of *Autopsy of A Deceased Church*, Lynn suggested that members review the actions as recorded in the minutes of the April meeting and take actions as appropriate.

Our new pastor, Reverend Jeff Roper, will arrive on June 22nd.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Discussion of *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* will continue.

There being no further business, Linda made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin Mellard*

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, June 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Jim Bunch, Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, and Reverend Jeff Roper. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Dr. Julie Horton, Ed Kennedy, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Lynn Smith, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Nelda Diegel (Lynn Smith out of town).

Dan Hare offered a devotion based on Acts 4:32, citing the verse inspires harmony and sharing of our gifts and talents.

The minutes of the May 26th meeting were reviewed. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Dan Hare seconded the motion.

**Resource Ministries**

**Finance**: Gay presented the Treasurer's Report. We are still in Code Green. She added that it is time to begin planning the 2017 budget. She plans to distribute work sheets in July which will be due at the end of August.

**Stewardship**: Dr. Julie Horton was not present. No report.

**Nominations and Leadership Development**: Reverend Roper said he plans to begin the nominations process as soon as the Charge Conference packet arrives.

**Lay Leader**: Davey Hare said he plans to meet with Reverend Roper as soon as possible.

**Annual Conference**: Ed Kennedy was not present, but presented a report to the congregation on June 19th during worship.

**SPRC**: Brian Swiney was not present. No report.

**Trustees**: Dan Hare said the acquisition of the land adjacent to the church may be delayed (originally planned for July 1st) because the owner is scheduled for surgery. He said there have been lots of calls regarding the Land-O-Pines property but no follow-ups. The property has been posted on Craig’s List. Dan will check with Lynn Smith about writing something for the church web site. Myra Whaley is taking care of all of the legal paperwork related to the properties.

Dan said a 3-4 year plan will be written to address Brian Shepherd's recommendations for the choir room renovation and will be presented at a later meeting. He added that he is still taking orders for bricks for the sidewalk by the Sanctuary, and there will be a church workday on June 25th.

**United Methodist Men**: UMM have been assisting with Bike & Build, Salkehatchie, and mission groups.

**Wednesday Women**: WW cleaned out the closet in the Education Building and will put in new shelves on Saturday. They have also purchased new vinyl lace table cloths for the Fellowship Hall. In addition, they have made a donation to Ellis Hammond's ministry, had the front door of the Fellowship Hall painted, given memorials, purchased new light fixtures for the porch of the Murray Building, contributed to various benevolences, purchased lights for the Christmas Eve service, purchased curtains and cushions for one of the Hope Repair projects, and plan to purchase new candle lighters.

Due to the time, the planned discussion of Autopsy of A Deceased Church was deferred to a later meeting.

Chab Clarke volunteered to offer the devotion at the July meeting.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for June 28th at 6:30 p.m. Church members will be invited to attend and offer input regarding the Wonderful Wednesday program.

There being no further business, Gay McCants made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Church Council Meeting Phase One – Focus: Wonderful Wednesday Consensus

Those attending: Lynn Smith (Chair and moderator), Robin Austin, Fran Bunch, Jim Bunch, Nelda Diegel, Georgie Ford, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Sarah Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Nancy Phillips, Lib Rentz, Rev. Jeff Roper, Megan Roper, Brian Shepherd, William Tippetts, Gene Villeponteaux, Sherry Villeponteaux, Joan Wells, David Whaley, Patricia Whaley, Lynn Yaden

Lynn Smith called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and defined focus of discussion as being the Wonderful Wednesday program.

Chab Clarke led a devotion and Rev. Roper offered prayer.

Lynn Smith shared input received in the church office via emails concerning setting the program starting time so working people could attend and limiting the offerings of program to one or two at a time (less is more).

Jim and Fran Bunch, who led the kitchen last year, were asked for insights based on their experience last year. Jim shared it was challenging to get meal sponsors. He said he had received suggestion to have “pot luck” meals.

It was pointed out that the WW usually starts out strong but attendance falls off as time passes. The importance of programs for children and youth was mentioned. For adults and teens, Lynn Yaden suggested the video study, “God is Not Dead” for the first 6 to 8 weeks. It was agreed upon.

It was decided 5:30 is a better start time than 5:00 p.m. 5:30 to 6:15 would be the meal, social time, and clean up. Brian Shepherd stated he would need to talk with the choir about practice times, but ending the program by 7:15 would not be too late for the choir to practice.

There was discussion about allowing attendees to bring their food to class as well. The question was posed as to whether we really need to offer a meal. Discussion points included the fact the program has as one of its purposes attracting new people. The importance of the social aspect was mentioned in building “church family.” The meal is very important to some with children or others who work and might not otherwise be able to attend. While some suggested a lighter meal, others said sandwiches or hot dogs would not be a good standard menu and some people call to see what is on the menu. Skimpy meals lower attendance. It was suggested sponsored group meals be alternated with pot luck meals. This seemed to be the consensus of the group. The decision was made to form teams for meal preparation. This would be instead of asking groups to sponsor meals. Joan and Patricia will develop a meal plan. Concern was expressed over “to go plates” being prepared before all attendees were served.
A committee to plan was appointed and asked to be expedient in meeting. The following people comprise that committee: Joan Wells (Chair), Audrey Kennedy, Beth Grosso, Pastor Roper, Lynn Yaden, Patricia Whaley, Georgie Ford, Sherry V.

Weekly WW meeting times were established as 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. for meal and fellowship, 6:15 to 7:15 for programs. The start date will be August 24 with the first two session showing the movie “God IS Not Dead” and the subsequent weeks to complete the study. Dr. Mike Grosso will lead three sessions on Biblical calls to leadership is subsequent weeks TBA.

With all apparent aspects being addressed and the planning committee appointed and given their charge, this portion of the meeting was ended, allowing time for those attendees not wishing to remain for other church council business to depart.

**Church Council Meeting July 28, 2017 – Phase Two – Regular Council Agenda**

Those in attendance (Council Members and guests):

Lynn Smith (Chair), Chab Clark, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Sarah Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Lib Rentz, Rev. Jeff Roper, Megan Roper, Brian Shepherd, William Tippets

Minutes of the June 2016 meeting were presented and accepted after a motion by Dan Hare and a second by Lib Rentz.

Ed Kennedy shared a moving item entitled *Why Me?*, which had been written by a female cousin who had been buried earlier on that day in the Columbia, SC area. Thanks were expressed for his sharing.

Rev. Roper shared an invitation for the church to cook breakfast for the Berkeley High School football team and coaching staff on a home game Friday morning from 7:30 to 8:30. The date is not known at this time, but only the first two home games are covered. There would be the meal and a short (10 minute limit) devotion. William Tippets volunteered for the devotion. The United Methodist Men will do the meal. There will be approximately 100 people to be fed. The event is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the date is to be established soon.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

**Worship**– Lib Rentz reported Scout Sunday would be February 5, 2017. She reported new candle lighters had been ordered and were due to arrive. Liquid filled candles were being investigated to eliminate the maintenance and failure issues for worship candles. Christmas Eve candles will be provided by the Wednesday Women.

**Sunday School**– Lib Rentz offered a report on the behalf of Beth Grosso stating average Sunday School attendance is 49. Nursery class is often low.

A suggestion was made to hold training for ushers to help them be even more effective in welcoming and assisting the congregation.
Member Care - No report

Evangelism - No report

Missions – No report

Dan Hare reported on UMCOR: the group of 9 to 11 missioners the church hosted from North Carolina had sent a financial gift to the church. Dan commented there were no conflicts or issues in hosting these groups and the sharing was a great experience. Pastor Roper added that the group from Pennsylvania has just in the last few days sent a monetary gift as well.

Communications – Nelda recapped avenues of communications and will talk with Pastor Roper in the near future about further definition of the purpose and goals of communications.

Pastor report – Rev. Roper referred to the aforementioned FCA opportunity.

Other Business – Chab Clark pointed out we have a faithful elderly member with mobility issues and expressed concern that the member needed to be invited to sit near the front to make the effort less laborious. Several people pointed out this individual enjoys sitting at the rear of the sanctuary and was not interested in sitting at the front.

Youth- A written reports was presented on behalf of Ann Maggard stating the youth will begin meeting when school starts. There will be a kickoff event in August and volunteers to assist are welcome.

Devotion at the August church council meeting will be given by Nelda Diegel. The date of the meeting is August 25.

All business concluded, the motion to adjourn was offered by Ed Kennedy at 8:15 p.m. and was unanimously supported.
A special meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was called on Sunday, August 7th, 2016, after the worship service to discuss an offer for the Land-O-Pines property.

Council members present were: Lynn Smith, Rev. Jeff Roper, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Chab Clarke, Brian Swiney, Ed Kennedy, Lib Rentz, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, and Robin Mellard. Also attending were: Arleigh Wells, Joan Wells, and Gene Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Lynn Smith.

Dan Hare, Trustees Chairperson, said the Church Conference authorized a sale price for the property at $70,000; however, we have had a written offer of $61,000 from Mr. Dan Parler.

After discussion, Dan made a motion to accept the offer of $61,000, if the buyer would pay closing costs as well. Lib Rentz seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all but one person approving the motion. That person agreed to honor the majority decision. The motion was passed.

Brian Swiney made a motion to give the Trustees the authority to negotiate adding the closing costs to the offer. Lib Rentz seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Nelda Diegel, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Reverend Jeff Roper, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Chab Clarke, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Dan Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Nelda Diegel offered the devotion, and Pastor Jeff Roper opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the July 28th and August 7th meetings were reviewed. Davey Hare made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Nelda Diegel seconded the motion.

**Resource Ministries**

**Finance:** Nelda Diegel reported that giving has been strong this year. Budget meetings are scheduled for September 6th and 15th at 6:30 p.m.

**Stewardship:** Dr. Julie Horton was not present. No report.

**Nominations and Leadership Development:** Reverend Roper said the nominations committee will meet on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. He added that he ordered a more concise publication containing job descriptions.

**Lay Leader:** Davey Hare reported that he has met with Pastor Jeff. Lynn Smith suggested training be offered for liturgists.

**SPRC:** Brian Swiney was not present. No report.

**Trustees:** Lynn Smith reported for the Trustees. He said the church has a contract for the sale of the Land-O-Pines property ($61,000 + closing costs). He added that the Trustees’ meeting in September will be open to members and focus on the choir room location options. Major projects in 2017 are expected to be choir room renovation recommendations and repairing/altering the steps to the Sanctuary (may have restrictions because the church is located in National Registry of Historic Districts). Audrey Kennedy said that $5,000 has been raised for the choir room renovation, with an additional $1,000 left from Church Office renovations, and a pledge from a church member to match the $5,000 when that amount was raised.

**United Methodist Men:** Lynn Smith reported that the UMM are cooking breakfast for Fellowship of Christian Athletes on September 9th at 7:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Moncks Corner.

**Wednesday Women:** Nelda Deigel announced there will be a Beth Moore simulcast on Saturday, September 17th, at 10:30 a.m. in the PUMC Fellowship Hall. The cost is $30 (includes lunch). In addition, the Wednesday Women Yard Sale will be held on September 24th.

**United Methodist Women:** Nancy Whaley was not present. No report.

**Wonderful Wednesday:** There was a good turnout (around 60) for Wonderful Wednesday, which resumed on August 24th. *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* will be the focus of study after the "God's Not Dead" program.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Roper announced that the 2016 Charge Conference is scheduled for October 23rd at 1:30 p.m. His consultation with the District Superintendent is scheduled for October 11th, and he would like all conference materials to be in by October 4th.

Lynn Smith volunteered to offer the devotion at the next meeting.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for October 6 at 6:30 p.m. (no meeting in September) to approve Charge Conference materials.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Robin Mellard**

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, October 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Dan Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Chab Clarke, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Beth Grosso, Davey Hare, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a devotion and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the August 25th meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Dr. Julie Horton seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Charge conference documents were approved as follows: Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the 2017 nominations. Dr. Julie Horton seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the proposed 2017 Budget. Dr. Julie Horton seconded the motion. The motion was carried. In addition, delegates to the Charge Conference were approved.

A motion was presented from the Trustees stating that "Council authorize the forming of a committee of seven volunteers with nonvoting advisors from Finance, Trustees, Council, and Worship to review the plan by Brian Shepherd and analyze the needs of church facilities." Due to low attendance at this meeting, it was decided to table the motion for the next Council meeting.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn and Dan Hare seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Dr. Julie Horton, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley. Other church members present were Del Collins, Doris Leary, Ann Matthews, Brian Shepherd, Gene Villeponteaux, and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a devotion, and Rev. Jeff Roper opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the October 6th meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Davey Hare seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Ed Kennedy made a motion to "take from the table" the Trustees motion from the October 6th meeting that read as follows: "Council authorizes the forming of a committee of seven volunteers with nonvoting advisors from Finance, Trustees, Council, and Worship to review the plan by Brian Shepherd and analyze the needs of church facilities." Chab Clarke seconded the motion.

After discussion, Chab Clarke made a motion to go forward with forming the committee, and Davey Hare seconded the motion.

Nelda Diegel expressed concern that all members had not received news of the formation of the committee via e-mail, and Lynn Smith said he would write a message to post in the bulletin and newsletter. The deadline to volunteer was set as December 4th.

It was decided that in the event more than seven people volunteer, names will be randomly drawn.

Brian Shepherd asked whether Finance, Trustee, Church Council, and Worship Committee members can volunteer. It was decided that committee members could serve, but chairpersons of the committees could only serve in an advisory capacity.

After discussion, Nelda made a motion that the committee will report recommendations to the Church Council because all committees are represented there (preferably monthly), and Ed Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

In addition, Nelda said that the list of prioritized repairs that has been compiled by the Trustees as well as Brian's plan should be made available to committee. Brian and Nelda added that they thought any money raised should go to the capital fund rather than individual projects. Members agreed.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn and Davey Hare seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, May 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Linda Collins, Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Robin Mellard, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Lynn Adcox, Pastor Mary Green, Beth Grosso, Davey Hare, Ed Kennedy, Nickie Linville, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Nancy Whaley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Linda Collins offered a devotion focused on missions in relationship to service to God and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the April 24th meeting were reviewed, Dr. Julie Horton asked that a correction be made to item 4 on page 2 regarding her planning of an event to study *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* to read "pending coordination with the new pastor." She then made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Dan Hare seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**Ministry Team Reports**

**Worship** — Lib Rentz was not present, but Lynn asked for feedback on the worship time change. Council members responded that they had not heard a lot of negative opinions. However, Dan said concerns had been expressed to him about announcements at the beginning of the service not being done. Several members said they had heard many negative comments about the altar rail being removed and modified. It was expressed that the Worship Committee give the congregation some warning and get feedback before making major changes. Julie said the proposed changes should have been presented to the Church Council, with an e-mail inviting all interested members to attend the meeting to offer input, before final action was taken. (Note to members by Lynn after the meeting – refer to page 79 in the Autopsy book about being obsessed.)

When asked what is being done to address the continued problems with the candle lighters, it was reported that the Wednesday Women have set aside money to purchase new candle lighters, and Lib is supposed to order them. Linda Collins, a member of the committee, will take this feedback to the next meeting.

**Member Care** — Lynn Adcox: Lynn was not present. No report. This may be an open position to be addressed by the Nominations Committee.

**Evangelism** — Nickie Linville: Nickie was not present. No report. Nickie has resigned her position due to health issues. This is an open position to be addressed by the Nominations Committee.

**Missions** — Linda Collins: Linda said the seven members were scheduled to go on the Red Bird Mission trip to Kentucky. However, Linda was ill, and Sherry Villeponteaux's father died, so they were not able to go. She added that they raised a substantial amount of money through fundraisers and accomplished a great deal on the trip.

Linda added that PUMC is hosting an UMCOR group the week following Vacation Bible School (June 6-10). Lynn said the Trustees will insure that the facilities are in good order and the visitors have what they need.

In her children's ministry report, Linda again discussed Vacation Bible School and said she is planning a picnic and two movie nights during the summer.

Linda said she thinks our church needs more active children and youth programs and cited a need to hire a young person to lead the programs. Members supported Linda's proposal as long as we can financially afford the new staff position. Dan said the issue needed to be referred to the SPRC. Dan and Chab are on the SPRC and said they would bring it up at the next meeting.

Due to inactive positions and resignations, the Nominations Committee should activate as soon as the new pastor gets settled. It was noted that job descriptions that Pastor Mary is putting together should specifically state which meetings the person holding that job should attend (e.g., Finance, Church Council, etc.).

**Communications** — Nelda Diegel: Nelda reported that she completed a job description for Communications but has not yet received feedback from Pastor Mary. She added that the PUMC website is current as well as the electronic calendar. Rebecca Meree is maintaining the Facebook page. Linda asked Nelda to tell Rebecca not to include the names of people going on trips, because it lets others know they are not at home and invites crime.

Robin was asked to add the website address, as well as physical address and telephone number to the newsletters.

Lynn asked who was responsible for planning Wonderful Wednesday. He would like the Council to study the program and wants to place it on the agenda for July or August and invite input from the congregation.
Dan stated that there have been inquiries regarding the Land-O-Pines property but nothing concrete. He added that we still plan to purchase the property adjacent to the church on July 1st; however, the title still has to clear (three other people have first rights of refusal).

In discussion of *Autopsy of A Deceased Church*, Lynn suggested that members review the actions as recorded in the minutes of the April meeting and take actions as appropriate.

Our new pastor, Reverend Jeff Roper, will arrive on June 22nd. The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Discussion of *Autopsy of A Deceased Church* will continue.

There being no further business, Linda made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robin Mellard*

Church Council Recording Secretary
Other:  
1. Paint Sanctuary a Gray/Blue color to accent stained windows.  
2. Paint all trim white.  
3. Platform - painted black.  
4. Platform soffit and wall color.  
5. Platform screen - paint wall color.  
7. New Paint - door wood white, white trim.  
8. Sanctuary floor - hardwood, white, finish.
1. Remove existing wall in Sound Room.
2. Remove 2 base pews.
3. Construct new wall after last pew
   + 6" pstart window.
5. Add Raised Floor 18" high, with approach step.
6. Construct Sound Board counters.
Sanctuary Exterior

1. A/C Unit - move to other side of Sanctuary in order to beautify heart of Campus with possible Courtyard near Pastor's Study.

2. Handicap Ramp at rear of Sanctuary -
   - Paint Post, side rails, x sides white.
   - Paint top rail black.
   - Paint decking charcoal gray with added texture of sand.

3. Front Porch & Steps -
   - Remove old steps.
   - Add 6' x 14' Porch (consist of concrete block foundation, 6' concrete Pad with brick edging, Brick veneer on exterior with Brick Steps,
   - Wrought iron rail on edge of porch down Steps to ground.

4. Scale of Porch & Steps -
   - Porch Height - 36" (1 1/2 inches below door threshold.)
   - Steps 9" wide with railing inset 6" on each side.
   - 12" Step for foot placement
   - 6" rise from each step with a total of 5 steps.

5. Redo brick sidewalk entrance to Porch Steps.

6. Conceal A/C Unit with either - white fence or shrubs, or - shrubs.
Choir Room

- Use the existing Nursery

Room size - 25'6" X 20'6"

Advantage - Practice anytime without disturbing Sunday School Classes.

1. Remove outer wall on streetside leaving column in the middle.
2. Close-in porch. Install entry door and two windows.
3. Remove unused bath fixtures in second bath, close up door on outside, install door on inside wall. New use - Closet.
4. Close-in for a closet with door.
6. Optional - add additional sidewalk over to Pastor's Study.

Scale - 1" = 1'
Educational Building
1st Floor

Class Room B
Class Room A
Optional Class Room C

Ladies Bathroom (Exit)
Men's Bathroom (Exit)
Closet
Closet
Closet
Closet
Closet
Closet

Hallway
Table Welcome Center
Closet Under Stairs (Exit)

Window
Window

Scale: 1" = 2'
Educational Building - Explanation

1. Replace all existing outer doors with doors that match the Fellowship Hall Bldg. doors. - Open Out.
2. Optional - Replace windows with insulated windows.
3. Remove old Office Walls
4. Add wall between Class Rooms A & B.
5. Rework walls of existing closet area to add new configuration of closet area.
6. Add wall to define Welcome Center & New Hallway. Optional - Add 2 windows or door with half glass.
7. Close-in wall between Class Room A Bathroom/New Multiple Closet Area. leaving door into bathroom area from Class Room B.
8. Remove all old Kitchen Cabinets
9. Add Walls to construct 4 Closet areas each with a door/exit.
10. Open a doorway into Bathroom area.
11. Redo Mural to circle walls of Class Room B. (In Memory of Pete Rents)
12. Optional - add walls to form Class Room C.
14. Add Covered Walkway Arising over sidewalk between Educational Building & Fellowship Hall Building.
15. Guttering added to roof line of Educational Building.

- Class Room A - Adult Class Room.
- Class Room B - New Nursery.
- Class Room C - (optional) Children’s Class Room.
Youth/Children's Floor - 2nd Floor Educational Building

1. Paint stair well & hall inviting color.
2. Paint all classrooms with only one wall a different color possibly.
3. Remove all carpet.
4. On Steps - install rubber skid pad on each step.
5. All floors - tile or linoleum.
6. All trim white.
Choir Room - Option #1

- Use the existing nursery

Room size: 25'6" x 20'6"

Advantage - Practice anytime without disturbing Sunday School Classes.

1. Remove outer wall on street side leaving column in the middle.
2. Close in porch. Install entry door and two windows.
3. Remove unused bath fixtures in second bath, close up door on outside, install door on inside wall. New use - Closet.
4. Close in for a closet with door.
5. Optional - Close in side porch for addition storage room, 6' w x 20'6" long.
6. Optional - Add additional sidewalk out to Pastor's Study.
Choir Room - Option #2

- Present Choir Room

Room size - approx. - 22' x 22'

1. Add a wall between rooms. (Leave or remove according weel.)
2. Build Choir Rake/Books Cabinet.

Scale - 1' 1:2
Choir Room - Option #3
- Old Office Space
Room Size - Approx. 23'6" x 26'6"

Plus:
Additional Master Plan Space Renovations.

* See Page 4 for Explanation.

Scale: 1" = 2'
Choir Room - Option #3 Explanation.

Plus: Additional Master Plan Space Renovations.

1. Replace all existing outer doors with doors that match the Fellowship Hall Bldg. doors. - Open Out.
2. Optional - Replace windows with insulated windows.
3. Remove old Office Walls
4. Add Wall between Choir Room & Class Room.
5. Rework walls of existing closet area to add new configuration of closet area.
6. Add Wall to define Welcom Center & New Hallway. Optional - Add 2 windows or door with half glass.
7. Close-in wall between Class Room & Bathroom/New Multiple Closet Area.
8. Remove all old Kitchen Cabinets
9. Add Walls to construct 4 Closet areas each with a door/exit.
10. Open a doorway into Bathroom area.
11. Redo Mural to circle walls of Class Room A. (In Memory of Pete Reitz)
Sanctuary
- platform renovation
- other updates

Do this first - for potential new members

Platform -
1. Increase platform area to 6' x 13'
2. Use sides of existing kneeling benches for new kneeling benches.
3. Floor of platform - hardwood.

Other -
1. Paint Sanctuary a Gray/Blue color to accent Stainless Windows.
2. Paint all trim white. (windows, doors, frames, molding, etc.)
4. Platform and paint white or the color of the walls with white trim.
5. Organ speakers trim - paint wall color.
6. Projector Screen - paint wall color.
7. Add decorative molding to platform wall.
8. Sanctuary floor - hardwood, with side carpet runner in the form of a T.

Scale: 1” = 1'
1. Remove existing wall in Sound Room.
2. Remove 2 back pews.
3. Construct new wall after last pew
4. 6" past window.

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A/C Unit - move to other side of Sanctuary in order to beautify heart of Campus.
1. Paint Staff room Hall inviting color
2. Paint all classrooms with only one wall as different color possibly
3. Remove all carpets
4. On staff - install non-slip Skid-proof on each step.
5. All floors - tile or linoleum
6. All Trim, white
LAND OF PINES PROPERTY

BACKGROUND

- The Church Conference on October 6, 2013, polled the members to gain information as to whether they supported selling the Land-O-Pines property. The vote was 28 yes and 14 no. The meeting on March 15, 201?, did not address the Land-O-Pines property--it focused on acquisition of the property adjacent to the church. The meeting on November 01, 2015 directed Trustees to obtain another appraisal.

**Motion 2**

Authorize Trustees of Pinopolis UMC to pursue comparable values of property in Land-O-Pines and in the Pinopolis area to determine a sale price of church owned property in Land-O-Pines and reporting such to Church Council for determination of and approval of sale price, then taking this information to a called Charge Conference for approval to sell. This is to be done within a three month period. (From Nov.01)
Location 300 Meadowlark Lane & 318 Land O Pines circle- Lot #77 –

TMS # 121-08-00-066 – 0.36+/- acres

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*12/22/15 Lot 29 Waters Edge 1/3 acre 14,000 sq. feet. Appraised at $51,600

See attachment relative to District’s input on selling property
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a devotion, and Rev. Jeff Roper opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the November 17, 2016, meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted.

The focus of the meeting was the report of the facilities study group. Mike Bender presented the top ten priority list for facilities improvement to the Council (see attached). Actions taken are:

- Numbers 1-5 - Referred to Trustees
- Number 6 - The committee would like to do the work in the pulpit area themselves with plans to complete the work before Easter. Estimated cost would be $5,000.
- Number 7 - Referred to Trustees
- Number 8 - No action
- Number 9 - Referred to Trustees
- Number 10 - Delayed until all construction is complete in Sanctuary.

In order to get started soon, Pastor Jeff said to meet procedural guidelines required by the Discipline, the Trustees would need to have a called meeting to approve work in the pulpit area (#6), and the Council would need to have a called meeting to approve it as well.

Ed Kennedy made a motion to have a called Trustee meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 22, and a called Council meeting after the worship service the same day to approve work in the pulpit area. Audrey Kennedy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Council confirmed that Brian Shepherd is approved to use the church’s facilities and communications to provide voice/music lessons to supplement his income.

Pastor Jeff provided to those attending a copy of Job Description for the Church Council.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. with a business agenda.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENT
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Lib Rentz, Rev. Jeff Roper, Lynn Smith, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Beth Grosso, Dr. Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Brian Swiney. Other church members present were Mike Bender, Del Collins, Brian Shepherd, William Tippetts, Gene Villeponteaux, and Lynn Yaden.

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The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A called meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Sunday, January 22, 2017, after the worship service. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Rev. Jeff Roper, Lynn Smith, and Brian Swiney. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Beth Grosso, Dr. Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Other church members present were Robin Austin (Trustee Vice Chair), Del Collins, and Revonda Hardesty.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Lynn Smith.

Robin Austin, Trustee Vice Chair, presented a resolution approved by the Trustees at an 8:30 a.m. meeting held this morning approving the renovation of the pulpit area by the Facilities Committee. The Trustees approved the renovation pending a sketch of the proposed renovation before the work begins.

A vote was taken to regarding the resolution presented by the Trustees, and it was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Church Council Recording Secretary
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a devotion citing 2 Peter.

The minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The minutes were accepted.

Mike Bender offered a report from the Facilities Committee. He said the work on the pulpit area (Item 6 on priority list) was in progress. The carpet will be taken up and the floor underneath will be sanded and finished. Rice Hope Floor Coverings and Interiors won the bid to sand and finish the floor (altar and choir loft). The work is scheduled to begin on March 6th and should take two weeks. Worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall during that time. The electrical work will be completed by Gene Villepontaux. Mike added that in-house labor is saving the church a lot of money. In addition, the Facilities Committee is working on a plan for the choir room. However, the committee does not plan on performing the work or organizing the work on this facility change. The Council accepted Mike's report after some questions, and complemented him and the Facilities Committee for their work and dedication.

Dan Hare, Trustees Chairperson, said individual Trustees have been assigned tasks to support the Facilities Committee's recommendations for maintenance. Trustees have been working on: outside lighting (Ed. Building), ceiling tile replacement, the upstairs bathroom ceiling, repairing the brick walk, and converting the outside bathroom in the Murray Building to storage. Dan concluded that there is a need to replace the chairs in the Fellowship Hall, because they cannot be secured in the open position (safety concern). He said he would like to do this as a fundraiser, but Nelda said she would prefer to have a general fundraiser for capital improvements rather than smaller designated campaigns.

In order to focus the Council's attention and to develop a plan for where we are going with the recommendations from the Facilities Committee and the Trustees' major repair projects (capital improvements), Lynn asked Dan to provide the Council with a list of major projects recommended by the Trustees with their order of priority. He added that the Council could then move forward with their evaluations and financial planning. The list is to be presented at the March Council meeting (e.g., replacing the roof now or later, etc.).

Nelda Diegel, Finance Committee Chairperson, reviewed the end-of-the-month Treasurer's Report for January. She said giving has be below the amount needed to cover the budget, but expenses are being met.

Dr. Julie Horton said she had nothing new to report regarding Stewardship at the present time.

Pastor Jeff Roper stated that he would prepare information for the May meeting on Nurture/Outreach/Witness (NOW) for Nominations and Leadership Development.

Davey Hare, Lay Leader, reported that he is doing well in securing liturgists and has disseminated information about the upcoming training scheduled for next month. He plans to meet with Pastor Jeff soon.

Brian Swiney, SPRC Chairperson, was not present--no report.

Dan Hare stated that the sidewalk bricks with names should be delivered soon.

Nelda reported that proceeds from the Wednesday Women Tea scheduled for March 29th will be donated to My Sister's House. Wednesday Women have also booked the dates for their annual retreat in October.

There were no United Methodist Women members present--no report.

The United Methodist Men will hold their "Job" play on April 1st. Three men from our church attended the UMM's Conference in Myrtle Beach.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

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Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
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Dan Hare, Trustees Chairperson, said individual Trustees have been assigned tasks to support the Facilities Committee's recommendations for maintenance. Trustees have been working on: outside lighting (Ed. Building), ceiling tile replacement, the upstairs bathroom ceiling, repairing the brick walk, and converting the outside bathroom in the Murray Building to storage. Dan concluded that there is a need to replace the chairs in the Fellowship Hall, because they cannot be secured in the open position (safety concern). He said he would like to do this as a fundraiser, but Nelda said she would prefer to have a general fundraiser for capital improvements rather than smaller designated campaigns.

In order to focus the Council's attention and to develop a plan for where we are going with the recommendations from the Facilities Committee and the Trustees' major repair projects (capital improvements), Lynn asked Dan to provide the Council with a list of major projects recommended by the Trustees with their order of priority. He added that the Council could then move forward with their evaluations and financial planning. The list is to be presented at the March Council meeting (e.g., replacing the roof now or later, etc.).

Nelda Diegel, Finance Committee Chairperson, reviewed the end-of-the-month Treasurer's Report for January. She said giving has been below the amount needed to cover the budget, but expenses are being met.

Dr. Julie Horton said she had nothing new to report regarding Stewardship at the present time.

Pastor Jeff Roper stated that he would prepare information for the May meeting on Nurture/Outreach/Witness (NOW) for Nominations and Leadership Development.

Davey Hare, Lay Leader, reported that he is doing well in securing liturgists and has disseminated information about the upcoming training scheduled for next month. He plans to meet with Pastor Jeff soon.

Brian Swiney, SPRC Chairperson, was not present—no report.

Dan Hare stated that the sidewalk bricks with names should be delivered soon.

Nelda reported that proceeds from the Wednesday Women Tea scheduled for March 29th will be donated to My Sister's House. Wednesday Women have also booked the dates for their annual retreat in October.

There were no United Methodist Women members present—no report.

The United Methodist Men will hold their "Job" play on April 1st. Three men from our church attended the UMM's Conference in Myrtle Beach.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard  
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Beth Grosso, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Linda Collins, Dr. Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, and Brian Swiney. William Tippetts, Georgie Ford, and Mike Bender also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered a devotion which focused on the role of the Church Council in church ministry. He asked Beth Grosso to offer the opening prayer. Lynn also asked for a volunteer to offer the devotion at the next meeting; however, nobody volunteered.

The minutes of the February 23, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Nelda said a correction needed to be made to the section regarding the Wednesday Women’s Tea. The date should have been April 29th rather than March 29th, and donations for My Sister’s House would be accepted rather than the proceeds from the tea being donated. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Davey Hare seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Mike Bender offered a report from the Facilities Committee. He said all of the work planned for the pulpit area has been completed with exception of the microphone jacks (Gary Mellard installed the jacks during the Church Council meeting.) He said the cost was less than $3000. He added that the committee is still working on plans for the Choir Room and changes to the Education Building. Lynn asked if they needed any specific support from the council, and Mike replied that they did not at this time.

Dan Hare, Trustees Chairperson, reported that the narthex in the Sanctuary has been painted and presented the Trustees’ priority list for church repairs (see attachment for list). He also said the engraved bricks have been placed in the sidewalk next to the Sanctuary.

Nelda Diegel and Ed Kennedy asked that estimates be obtained and projected dates of completion for each of the items on the Trustee’s priority list. After discussion, Pastor Jeff said that a Council member could make a motion to move forward with some of the items on the list. Chab Clarke made a motion to replace the Sanctuary roof (priority #1) and purchase new chairs for the Fellowship Hall (priority #3) now, since we have funds available in Account 3003 (Building Fund). Audrey Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Lynn said that gutters are needed for the Murray Building to prevent flooding of the offices. Dan said he would bring it before the Trustees.

Nelda, Finance Committee Chairperson, reviewed the end-of-the-month Treasurer's Report for February. She said giving has been below the amount needed to cover the budget, but expenses are being met.

Audrey said that she and Ed will be out of town from April 23rd until May 6th, but they would make sure that adequate kitchen supplies are on hand before they leave.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
Minor items:

1. Painting around all exterior doors
2. Painting the inside of sanctuary
3. Finish the stage area properly
4. Paint the base board in the fellowship hall
5. Paint the interior of Fellowship hall
6. Lighting between the education and Fellowship hall needs to be improved
7. Ceiling in the upstairs bath rooms need to be repaired
8. Paint the interior of the education building
9. Paint the exterior of the education building
10. Replace the door at the top of fire escape

Major items:

1. Enlarge the pulpit area
2. Rework the floors in Sanctuary
3. Replace the roof
4. Relocate the air conditioning unit in sanctuary
5. Upgrade the stairs in Education building.
6. Front entrance to sanctuary
7. Develop a choir room
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EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

1. Rip out old offices
2. Rip out old closet
3. Rip out old kitchen
4. Rip out kitchen door and frame to form hallway entrance
5. Frame up walls to form new choir room, classroom and hallway
6. Frame up choir directors office
7. Frame up new storage closets and close in pass through window in old kitchen wall
8. Complete a/c work
9. Run all electrical
10. Relocate double exterior door to new location and extend roof to match
11. Sound isolate walls for choir room
12. Finish choir room and classroom walls with 5/8" sheetrock
13. Finish remaining walls with 3/4" sheetrock
14. Have cabinets made and installed in choir room
15. Paint
16. Remake stairway to the second floor as designed

NOTE

The only modification to the exterior of the building is the moving of the double entrance door to the new location shown on the drawing and the extension of the covered walkway to match the new location. (item 10) This modification was done in to accommodate the reconfiguration of the stair well in order to make it safer. (item 16)
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Linda Collins offered the devotion and opening prayer.

The minutes of the April 27th, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Pastor Jeff Roper offered a presentation on Church Council realignment and NOW (Nurture/Outreach/Witness):

1. Pastor Jeff presented an overview of Church Council purpose and responsibility from the United Methodist Book of Discipline.
2. He then explained the NOW format and added that to be most effective it has to be a team/congregational effort.
3. He presented a PowerPoint explaining NOW and a sample roster of church offices (see attachment):
   - **Nurture Team** shall give attention, but not be limited to, education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship.
   - **Outreach Team** gives attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy.
   - **Witness Team** gives attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts.
4. He noted that NOW reports come first on the agenda (see sample agenda attached).
5. He added that the best practices for implementation include rotation of leadership which prevents burnout, brings fresh ideas, gives others a chance to grow, and reduces "ownership of positions".
6. Pastor Jeff proposed that there be six regular Church Council meetings (and called meetings as needed) and six NOW meetings each year.

Pastor Jeff then made a motion to adopt the NOW format for Council realignment. Gay McCants (and others) seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion unanimously passed.

Lynn Smith then addressed capital improvement recommendations. He evaluated the progress of the listed items and reconciled the Facilities Committee recommendations and the Trustees priority list and presented the following compilation:

1. Education Building/Choir Room (need to define scope)
2. Inside of Sanctuary (need to define scope)
3. Front steps (need to define scope)
4. Roof replacement (Murray Building and Education Building)
5. Gutters for Murray Building

Gene Villeponteaux emphasized that the Facilities Committee had listed maintenance and repair items as a top priority and wanted to know the status of those items. Trustee Chair, Dan Hare, gave an update on the progress.

Gay suggested the gutters be moved to Trustees for action rather than being included on the priority list and Lynn agreed. Total cost of the projects is estimated to be $100,000.

Gay made a motion to accept the combined priority list as a starting point and move forward. Audrey Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

At the direction of the Finance Committee, Lynn has invited a professional fundraising consultant, Dr. Himes, to speak on July 16th at 4 p.m. All who are interested will be invited to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on June 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel Dan Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Davey Hare, Dr. Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Gay McCants, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotion, and Pastor Jeff recited an opening prayer.

The minutes of the May 25th, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Pastor Jeff gave an update on the transition to the Nurture/Outreach/Witness structural format. He said the training for the Lay Leadership (Nominating) Committee is set for July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. He added that two training sessions are planned for the congregation/church leaders. The first is planned for October 29th and the second is planned for November 1st. Pastor Jeff also said the Charge Conference is scheduled to take place on October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Dan Hare gave a report on the progress of the Trustees priority list. Items addressed include:

1. Roof on sanctuary has been replaced ($20,538.00).
2. Chairs in the Fellowship Hall have been replaced.
3. The Education Building roof has been patched but is still leaking.
   (Contractor estimates roof on Murray Building will last another four years.)
4. Inside stage area and baseboards in Fellowship Hall have been painted.
5. All exterior doors and columns have been painted.

The list of capital improvement projects was reprioritized (see attachment):

1. Because the roof on the Education Building is leaking, it was moved up to the first priority. Cost quoted to replace it is $16,845.
2. Ed Kennedy recommended that an architect complete a design for the Education Building renovation so we can better estimate the cost and scope of the project. Council members agreed with his suggestion, and it was moved to second on the list.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on July 27th at 6:30 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotion (Psalm 23), and Pastor Jeff recited an opening prayer.

The minutes of the June 22, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Dr. Julie Horton made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Ed Kennedy seconded the motion.

The focus of the meeting was to assess the presentation by Dr. Douglas Himes, professional fundraiser, given on July 16th and decide whether to use his services to conduct a capital improvements campaign. Lynn said his fee would be $4,000 per month plus expenses for a term of service of about one year.

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Lynn asked Dr. Julie Horton, Stewardship Chair, for her input. Julie said she could include fundraising for capital improvements with the regular stewardship campaign. She also suggested that we contact other small churches that Dr. Himes has served to check on the success of the campaigns and information on how they afforded his fees. In addition, she suggested that we might hire him to do a one-time presentation to the congregation sometime during the month of August.

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There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard  
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Lynn Smith. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Linda Collins, Beth Grosso, Dan Hare, Davey Hare, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney, and Sherry Villeponteaux.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotion.

The minutes of the July 27, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

The first order of business was approval of the 2018 PUMC Budget. Nelda Diegel presented the proposed budget and explained the determination process. Nelda then made a motion to accept the budget as presented, and Ed seconded the motion. All voted to accept the proposed budget except one person who thought a 4% raise for staff was too much (thought 2% more reasonable). The 2018 budget totaling $234,152 was approved.

Discussion then turned to fund raising for capital improvement projects. For the schedule, it was suggested that April or May would be a good time to begin the fund raising campaign, but Nelda suggested March. It will be up to the Finance Committee to set the schedule.

Nelda presented a proposal from the architectural firm of Novus for plans for the renovation of the Education Building. They will charge $4,600 for construction documents, permitting, design for stairs, professional drawings, and bids. Gay McCants made a motion to take the fee out of Capital Assets and hire them. Audrey Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Pastor Jeff made a motion to allow Lynn Smith to sign the Novus contract, and Ed seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Lynn then asked how much of the Capital Assets Account should be kept in reserve. After much discussion, a consensus was not reached, so Lynn tabled the issue until the next meeting in October.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on October 26 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Ed Kennedy made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Gay McCants, Robin Mellard, C. T. Meree, Rev. Jeff Roper, Lynn Smith, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Members absent were Nancy Austin, Beth Grosso, Dan Hare, Ann Maggard, Hunter Maggard, Lib Rentz, Brian Swiney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Lynn Smith.

Lynn offered the devotion and called on Sherry Villeponteaux to offer the opening prayer.

The minutes of the October 26, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Gay McCants made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Davey Hare seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

The proposed 2018 church calendar was reviewed (see attached). Chab Clarke made a motion to accept the calendar of events, and Gay McCants seconded the motion. The calendar was approved.

The architectural path forward was discussed. Members of a select group of church leaders met on Monday, November 13, to select a preferred option for changing the Fellowship Hall from the architect's drawings. The Trustees will meet with the architect to further develop and monitor the plan. The architects' fee is fixed, and they will produce bid specifications for contractors to bid.

Pastor Jeff reported that there are still church leaders who have not completed the NOW training. Chairperson are to monitor meeting attendance and note when members cannot attend meetings but help with projects.

Lynn Smith, outgoing Chairman, offered the following concerns:

1. Attendance at Church Council meetings has been poor with a few people making major decisions.
2. A long-term plan for the church was not completed.
3. There was little or no feedback on committee reports.
4. Socializing during Sunday morning breakfast cuts into Sunday School time. He suggested that breakfast begin earlier or be simplified (coffee and pastries). Linda Collins said she would share his concern at the next Nurture team meeting.

Church Council and NOW team meetings will alternate every other month. The first NOW team meeting will be held on January 9, 2018. The initial Church Council meeting is scheduled to be held at 6:30 p.m. on February 13th, 2018.

There being no further business, Lynn Smith made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard
Church Council Recording Secretary
Facilities Committee
First 10 Priority List

- Recommend to the Trustees not to replace the roof on the Sanctuary right away. Save back $5,000.00, as an example, in a “Roofing Fund” and add to it every year so that there will be enough in the fund to replace the roof when that time comes. Use the other monies currently set aside to do some of the other repairs that need to be done in the church. **This is not one of our 10 priority items and is listed as a recommendation that will be made only by our Committee.

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Effective ministry
• Through NURTURE, OUTREACH, WITNESS format for UM Church Ministry

The Church Council - ¶ 252
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• It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.
• The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference (¶ 244).
• Meetings-- The council shall meet at least quarterly. The chairperson or the pastor may call special meetings.
The Church Council - ¶ 252
In order for the council to give adequate consideration to the missional purpose of the local church, it is recommended that the first agenda item at each meeting be related to its ministries of nurture, outreach, and witness.

The administrative and supportive responsibilities of the church will then be given attention.

It is recommended that the council use a consensus/discernment model of decision-making.

**Now** format
- The NOW format for ministry (NURUTRE, OUTREACH, WITNESS) is based on the language of the Book of Discipline and helps to define, as well as focus ministries of the local congregation.
• Each team is made up of persons gifted and interested in serving in areas specifically addressed by that team.
• While the teams may be responsible for planning and promoting events and ministries, the efforts still need to be shared by all the congregation to be most effective.

**NURTURE TEAM**
• The NURTURE TEAM of the congregation shall give attention to but not be limited to education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship.
• Attention must be given to the needs of individuals and families of all ages.

**OUTREACH TEAM**
• The OUTREACH TEAM shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy.
• These ministries include church and society, global ministries, higher
education and campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian unity and interreligious concerns, religion and race, and the status and role of women.

**WITNESS TEAM**
- The WITNESS TEAM of the church shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service; communications; Lay Speaking Ministries; and other means that give expressions of witness for Jesus Christ.

**NOW PRIORITY**
- The Nurture, Outreach, and Witness reports should take the priority in most council meetings and be heard immediately after the opening prayer and approval of last meeting minutes.
- Other committees, boards, and council members should report following the three NOW TEAM chairs or representatives.
Training and support
I feel as pastor, it is my responsibility to:
• Advocate for this NOW ministry format
• To train all church leaders in advance to implementing the format
• Be available to attend NOW Team meetings, at least until the chairs are comfortable with the scope and tasks

Best practices
• I feel strongly, as I stated when I initially met with the SPRC before moving here last year, the best practice is for church leadership to rotate at some regular frequency.
• The implementation of Nurture, Outreach, Witness as our ministry format affords us a wonderful opportunity to also initiate a system of leadership rotation
  • Rotating leadership prevents officer burnout
  • Brings fresh viewpoints and ideas to positions
• Gives other people opportunities to grow by being involved
• Reduces the risk negative results of ingrown “ownership” of positions
Church Council met on 06/22/17 and below is the 2nd draft of the capital improvement projects

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*Inspection for Roof:* 

**Notes:**
- Week One, 2016
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Pastor is chair of committee.

Lay Leader is a member of committee. Can not succeed oneself on CoLL.

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1/3 of Trustees should be women.

Church Treasurer is a voting member.

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Must have 6. Lay Delegate to Annual Conference and Church Lay Leader are members of committee.
Church employees and employees’ family members are not to serve on S/PPRC

Finance Committee

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At Large Members: John P, Sarah B, Charles C, Joe P

Committee is made up of elected chairs of committees listed, Lay Leader, and additional at large member(s).

CHURCH OFFICES CONTINUED ON REVERSE
Church UMC Officers for 2018, Continued

**The Council On Ministries (NOW Teams)**

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*Opportunities for ministry include:*

- Christian Education (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School)
- Worship (Choir, Special Services, Sacraments, Flowers, Greeters)
- Christian Formation: (Wonderful Wednesdays, UMYF, Children's Coordination, Family Ministries, Short Term Groups, Church Fellowships, other Special Events)
- Confirmation class

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- Church and Society (Salkehatchie, Kairos)
- Global Ministries
- Health and Welfare (*Blood Drive*)
- Relay for Life
- Run for Thanks
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Sample Church Council Agenda

Opening Prayer
Approve Minutes of Last Meeting
Team and Committee Reports
   Nurture Team Report
   Outreach Team Report
   Witness Team Report

Finance Committee Report
   Treasurer Report
Report of Trustees
SPRC Report
Pastor Report
Other Business (Items brought by council members)
Next Meeting Date/Time
Adjournment
MOTION TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Committee on Lay Leadership has addressed the following proposed interim changes in our church officers until formal nominations and elections can be effected at Charge Conference time for the 2019 church year.

These changes would be considered official with a majority vote of the Church Council. The CLL approved these changes with a Yes vote from all who responded. Only two committee members did not respond. There were no votes opposed.

The Motion from the Committee on Lay Leadership is that the Church Council accept these changes in church officers for the remainder of 2018:

C.T. Meree would resign as Church Treasurer to become Interim Assistant Treasurer

Nelda Diegel would resign as Finance Chair and become Interim Church Treasurer

Cheyanne Greene would become the Interim Finance Committee Chair. Her At Large Member of the Finance Committee would remain as it is, however, the Chair only votes in meetings in the event of a tied vote on any issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jeff Roper, Chair of Lay Leadership Committee
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Del Collins, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Beth Grosso, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Michael Phillips, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Members absent were Davey Hare, Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, C. T.Meree, and Brian Swiney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chab Clarke, Chairman.

Chab offered a brief devotion based on Psalm 25 and led The Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the November 16, 2017, meeting were reviewed. Ed Kennedy made a motion to accept the minutes, and Linda Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

Chab began the meeting by stating projected goals for this year. He said last year's goals for a new roof and painting the Sanctuary, as well as purchasing new chairs for the Fellowship Hall, have been accomplished. He cited this year's main goal as conducting a capital campaign to raise the funds needed to remodel the Education Building.

NOW Team Reports:

Nurture Team: Linda Collins reported that five people attended the first meeting of the year. She said acolyte training will need to be rescheduled because too many people were sick on the originally scheduled dates. She will begin a Children's Ministry Art Class on February 25th that will be conducted on four consecutive Sundays at 4 p.m. and will have an art show in April. Clay McWhorter will be teaching the classes. In addition, an Easter dinner and Easter egg hunt will be held on Sunday, March 25th. Orders for flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter morning will be taken from March 1st-24th.

Outreach Team: Del Collins said there were three attendees at the initial meeting in January. He added that they will narrow down planned activities at the next meeting. However, there was a blood drive on February 18th, and they plan to participate in the Walk Against Domestic Violence in September.

Witness Team: Sherry Villeponteaux reported that they have been raising money for a maintenance trailer to help with mission projects (e.g., Hope Repair, Red Bird, etc.). The church name will be painted on the side. Nelda Diegel said that $2,000 has been received from a donor for the trailer in addition to other funds raised. In addition, the team has taken over sales of the old Fellowship Hall chairs to help fund buying tools for the new trailer.

Local missions include Hope Repair. National missions include Red Bird (May 20th-26th) and the Cherokee Woodcutting Mission. International missions include a trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for October 20th-27th. The team will hold two chicken bog dinners (one for the community and one for the church) to raise money for the Red Bird trip (costs $375/person).

Administrative Commitee Reports:

Lay Leadership: No report.

Trustees: Michael Phillips reported that 95% of the items on the original list formulated last year by the Trustees have been completed. The A/C has been replaced in Education Building as well ($15,000). They are currently working with an architect to finalize plans to remodel the Ed. Building and hope to have the plans completed by April 1st. They also have a drawing of a plan to replace the front steps.

Nelda said we do not currently have the funds needed for remodeling the Ed. Building and will need to have a Capital Campaign to raise the money.

Staff/Pastor Relations: Ed Kennedy reported that the SPRC has requested that Pastor Jeff stay with our church.
Finance: Nelda Diegel said a family has offered to fund all but $500 for us to use Old Santee Canal Park as a venue for a Capital Campaign Fundraiser. It was suggested that a Sunday might be the best day to have it. Nelda said she could check available dates and coordinate the scheduling with the church. Pastor Jeff made a motion to empower Nelda to proceed, and Linda Collins seconded the motion.

Nelda added that the yearly audit is due on March 31st. Also, the way our financial status is reported in the bulletin has been changed to be less negative.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for April 26th, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Del Collins, Linda Collins, Nelda Diegel, Robin Mellard, Michael Phillips, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Members absent were Beth Grosso, Davey Hare, Julie Horton, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Ann Maggard, C. T.Meree, and Brian Swiney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chab Clarke, Chairman.

Chab opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 22 were reviewed. Pastor Jeff made a motion to accept the minutes, and Linda Collins seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written (pending any corrections or clarifications that may be recommended later).

NOW Team Reports:

Nurture Team: Linda Collins reported that six people attended the last meeting. She said the last Wonderful Wednesday until September was held on April 18th. She also reported that the children's art show and sale was held on Saturday, April 28th. She is planning a trip for the youth to see the Ark but has not yet set a date. There was not as big a turnout for the Easter egg hunt as expected this year. She plans to begin discussing camp meeting month soon (tentatively, it looks like the month of October would be best).

Outreach Team: Del Collins said there were five attendees at the last meeting. They are working on Salkehatchie right now. He said that Jasmine Bryant, Mariah Martin, and Matt Meree want to go to the Lancaster camp, and it will be their first time participating.

Witness Team: Sherry Villeponteaux reported that all six members of her team were at the last meeting. They are gearing up for the Red Bird mission trip (May 20th-26th) and are planning to have a chicken bog fundraising dinner on May 13th (Mother's Day) in the Fellowship Hall. This summer she hopes to have gatherings to maintain attendance and is open to ideas. She also wants to hold an evangelistic event for the whole community and will request help from the Ministerial Alliance to do it. She is waiting to hear when they will next meet. In addition, she plans on going with Revonda Hardesty to Lake Junaluska to learn more about Native American ministry.

Administrative Committee Reports:

Lay Leadership: No report.

Trustees: Michael Phillips, Trustee Chair, made a motion at the Finance Committee meeting on April 24th to earmark $20,000 of the Capital Assets Fund (currently around $55,000) to begin renovations on the Education Building (this is in addition to $8,143 in a fund specifically designated for the Choir Room). $13,000 of the 55,000 is designated to renovate the steps and build a handicapped ramp to the Sanctuary. The balance of funds in Capital Assets will be reserved for emergencies. The motion passed in the Finance Committee and was placed on the floor of the Church Council.

Discussion of the motion focused on the priority list approved by the Church Council in the fall of 2017. Del Collins made a motion to revise the priority list, and Nelda Diegel seconded the motion. (See revised list attached.)

Nelda made a motion to approve earmarking the $20,000 to begin renovation of the Education Building, and the Church Council unanimously approved the motion.

Michael added that the metal steps on the back of the Education Building have been painted ($500), all church buildings have been pressure washed ($500), and the metal fascia on the Sanctuary side of the Education Building has been repaired (no charge). In addition, he announced there will be a church clean-up day on June 2nd, and the kitchen area of the Education Building needs to be cleaned out by June 2nd as well so renovations can begin in early July. He is still waiting on the plans from the architect and expects them any day. He said the Trustees are working on a drawing for the steps to the Sanctuary,
are planning to paint the Sunday school rooms upstairs in the Education Building, and improve the WiFi wiring so it is accessible anywhere on the church campus.

Staff/Pastor Relations: No report.

Finance: Nelda Diegel reported that they have all of the information to complete the annual audit and hope to have it completed very soon. She also discussed the upcoming capital campaign and said it would be helpful to have the bids on the Education Building renovation in hand when the congregation is approached so we will have a target goal.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jeff made a motion to the Church Council to change three church officers (see attached) effective until the end of the year. Changes include Nelda stepping down as Chair of the Finance Committee to assume the responsibilities of Interim Church Treasurer. Cheyanne Greene will become Interim Finance Chair. C. T. Meree will resign as Church Treasurer and become Interim Assistant Church Treasurer. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The next Church Council meeting date will be announced at a later time, since our regular meeting will take place during Vacation Bible School week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Mellard

Church Council Recording Secretary
I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm

II. DEVOTION/SPRITUAL TIME –

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

IV. DEFINING OF REPORTING & GOALS FOR COUNCIL MEETING

- Short verbal reports defining accomplishments and goals.
- How accepted by Council?

V. REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Now teams
  i. Nurture team
  ii. Outreach team
  iii. Witness team
- Administrative Committees
  i. Lay leadership
  ii. Trustees
  iii. Staff/Pastor Relations
  iv. Finance

VI. OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL –

VII. PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Noah’s Ark Trip/ Other Comments

VIII. RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE –

X. ADJOURNMENT –
A meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Del Collins, Linda Collins, Cheyanne Greene, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Robin Mellard, Michael Phillips, and Sherry Villeponteaux. Members absent were Beth Grosso, Julie Horton, Ann Maggard, Rev. Jeff Roper, and Brian Swiney. Dan Hare also attended to offer input on the new steps for the Sanctuary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chab Clarke, Chairman.

Chab opened the meeting with a scripture reading (John 10:1-18) and a prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 26 were reviewed. Linda Collins noted that the minutes needed to be clarified concerning the planned trip for the youth to see the Ark. Ann Maggard, Youth Director, planned the trip. The correction was noted, and Linda made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Ed Kennedy seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written.

NOW Team Reports:

Nurture Team: Linda Collins reported that Vacation Bible School will be held June 25-27.

Outreach Team: Del Collins said PUMC has a team at the Lancaster Salkehatchie site this week. Jasmine Bryant, Mariah Martin, and Matt Meree were accompanied by Sarah Hare. He added that the Domestic Violence Prevention Walk will be held in the fall.

Witness Team: Sherry Villeponteaux stated that her team has been focused on helping Linda with Vacation Bible School. They are planning a community event for sometime in August. She also discussed having an ice cream social for the church and plans to collaborate with Linda. She added that the Red Bird Mission trip was productive and successful.

Administrative Commitee Reports:

Lay Leadership: No report.

Trustees: Michael Phillips said the architect has given June 28 as the tentative date that the plans would be ready for the Education Building renovation. He said the cabinets in the old kitchen have been cleaned out, and the Trustees are planning a demolition day for June 30th beginning at 8 a.m. He hopes to get church members to volunteer to help with preliminary work to save money on subcontractors.

Dan Hare will be helping with moving shrubbery and water lines to facilitate building the new ramp and steps for the Sanctuary. The Trustees have received one bid on the job so far ($21,800). They hope to get at least two more bids and noted that the total cost will depend on the size (8' x 12' vs. 14' x 20').

Michael said the church workday on June 2nd went well. He added that one of the thermostats in the Fellowship Hall was replaced, and all of the A/C units were serviced. The contract with Palmetto Exterminators was renewed as well.

Chab asked about the request from the Scouts to pave the area between the basketball court and men's shed so they can park their trailers there. He understood that they would pay for the paving and sign the trailers over to the church if we would allow them to do so. The Trustees will need to discuss the matter further if they receive a formal request from the Scouts.

Pastor Jeff has requested rearranging the long and short pews in the front and back of the Sanctuary to provide better access and safety. Rearranging the pews would also provide more room for wheelchairs. Cheyanne asked if the floors would show damage from the screws but was told the carpet would hide the screw holes. Linda made a motion to make the changes, and Sherry seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Staff/Pastor Relations: The first Sunday for our new pastor, Rev. Doug Benton, will be on July 1st. Ed Kennedy said he met him at the Annual Conference and said Rev. Benton wants to set up an ad hoc committee to help with his transition.
Finance: Cheyanne Greene reported that income is currently $12,237 below the amount needed to cover the budget, and we are in Code Yellow because the Operating Account is below $10,000. It was noted that people are designating money for various other things rather than donating to the budget (Operating Fund) as their pledges were promised. She is planning to address the congregation on Sunday about the issue and our finances, and she read a draft of her presentation.

Pastor's Report: No report.

The next Church Council meeting date will be on August 30, 2018.

There being no further business, Chab closed with a prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chab Clarke, Chairman.

Chab opened the meeting with a reading titled, "Ordinary People" from the August 25th Upper Room daily devotional. 2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)

The minutes of the meeting held on June 21 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mike seconded. The motion carried.

NOW Team Reports:

No reports

Administrative Committee Reports:

Lay Leadership: Pastor Doug is working on the list of the nominations which must be complete by the next Church Council meeting (called) for Sunday, September 16th at 6:00pm.

Trustees:

Mike stated that he is not going to obtain a county permit for the construction required for the new Choir Room due to the fact that all the work structurally is inside the building. The cost to date for the materials is $1100. Chab thanked everyone that has offered their time and labor to date.

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Staff/Pastor Relations:

No report

Finance:

Cheyanee reported that the first budget-build meeting was held. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6th at 6:30pm. Very few budget requests have been submitted to date.

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Pastor’s Comments:
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Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Chab seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

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Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Chab seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

The meeting concluded at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda O'Brien
Recording Secretary
I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm

II. DEVOTION/SPiritual Time –

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

IV. DEFINING OF GOALS
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     ii. Outreach team – Del Collins
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     i. Lay leadership – Doug Benton-Ed Kennedy
     ii. Trustees – Mike Phillips
     iii. Staff/Pastor Relations – Brian Swiney
     iv. Finance – Cheyanne Greene

VI. OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL – GENERAL DISCUSSION

VII. PASTOR’S COMMENTS – DOUG BENTON

VIII. RECAP OF BUSINESS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE –

X. ADJOURNMENT –
AGENDA

1) Call to Order – 2:00pm

2) Devotion-Pastor Doug

3) Discussion on Church Charge Conference Composite Report

4) Trustees Report

5) Vote on 2019 Slate of Officers & Changes

6) Vote on Lay Member to Annual Conference

7) Certified/Local Church Lay Servant Reports & Approval Report

8) Vote on local Church Budget & Acceptance of Reports

9) Approval of Pastor's Accountable Reimbursement Policy

10) Other business as needed
A special /called meeting of the Pinopolis United Methodist Church Council was held on Sunday, September 23 at 2:00pm. Council members present were: Chab Clarke, Davey Hare, Cheyanne Greene, Mike Phillips, Pastor Doug, Linda O’Brien, Sherry Villeponteaux, Gene Villeponteaux, Linda Collins, and Nelda Diegel.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm by Chab Clarke, Chairman.

Pastor Doug opened with a devotion.

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming Charge Conference Composite Report. Davey needs to keep it between eight to ten minutes long.

Mike Phillips stated that he has completed the Trustees Report for the Charge Conference and gave a copy to Linda O’Brien.

The Slate of Officers for 2019-
Doug issued a hand-out stating that he would like to make a motion that the newly approved outreach/witness team, the church communications team, and the worship team become effective immediately. (please see attached).
Cheyanne seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Lay member to Annual Conference- Ed Kennedy
Doug made a motion to approve
Davey seconded the motion.
No discussion.
Motion carried.

The Certified/Local Church Lay Servant reports and Approval report – Lay servants applying include Ken and Dorthy Lehman, C.T. Meree, Jim Bunch, Lynn Smith, Davey Hare, Dan Hare, and Tyler Owens.
Doug made a motion to approve as submitted.
Mike seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Church Budget reports were submitted and reviewed. Chab shared information that he learned while researching apportionment monies and where they all go. He supports and suggested that we do the same for 2019. Doug urged our congregation to pay 100% of our apportionments for the next year.
Davey made a motion to approve.
Linda Collins seconded the motion.
Doug abstained.
Motion carried.
There was a review of the Pastor’s Accountable Reimbursement Policy. Doug said that it will be the same as last year. There was a suggestion that we place a copy in the office files for IRS purposes. Linda Collins made a motion to approve this suggestion.  
Linda O’Brien seconded.  
Motion carried.

Chab thanked Gene for getting the lettering completed on the Disaster Relief trailer.

There was a discussion regarding the position of Treasurer for 2019. If we do not have one by the end of December, the Church Council needs to decide what our next step will be. Do we hire an accounting firm? If we hire one, it will affect our apportionments. A plan must be developed. Chab suggested Julie Horton or Tim Pipkin. 
Doug suggested that the person needs to be bonded and have a credit check along with a background check. Doug made the motion. 
Mike seconded the motion. 
The motion carried.

Davey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 
Cheyanne seconded the motion 
Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by, 
Linda O’Brien  
Recording Secretary
PINOPOLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, October 25, 2018

PROPOSED AGENDA

RECORDING SECRETARY – _______________________

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III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

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Outreach and Witness Areas of
NOW Report to Church Council

October 25, 2018

There was a meeting of the Outreach and Witness Team on Tuesday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m. regarding Camp Meeting. Those present were Sherry Villeponteaux, Witness Chair, Del Collins, Outreach Chair, Linda Smith, Worship/Altar Guild, Brian Shepherd, Music Director and Pastor Doug.

We determined that we want to have Camp Meeting the month of November, and that we would hold Camp Meetings in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday so that there is a different atmosphere. Pastor Doug informed us that the first Sunday in November, the 4th is All Saints Sunday and he would like to have this solemn service in the Sanctuary, moving all other Camp Meeting Sunday services November 11, 18 and 25, in the Fellowship Hall. We agreed.

Brian Shepherd will select and contact the special singing individuals/groups who will be providing our music during the month.

Linda Smith, Sherry Villeponteaux and Lib Rentz with take care of the decorations for the Fellowship Halt.

Pastor Doug will be away the 25th but will have the pulpit covered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Villeponteaux
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3. **MAJOR** (as defined by attendees) – ALLOW FOR MOTION, SECOND REQUIRED FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION & VOTING. Such as approval of church budget, revision to church vision/strategy statement.
   (a) VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS, must have passage by 2/3 votes and if not unanimous - then to the minority “can you support the decision to which we are proposing? If not, why not?”
   (b) Good reasons and concerns may table the motion and members leave the meeting and go home to pray and consider the motion. Motion will be taken up at next meeting.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
March 28, 2019

Present: Chab Clarke, Davey Hare, Linda Collins, Del Collins, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Nelda Diegel, Linda O’Brien, Mike Phillips

Guests: Lynn Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Council Chairman, Chab Clarke

Del Collins provided the opening prayer. 
Chab read from Acts 5:12-16- The Apostles Heal Many

Acceptance of minutes of last meeting: Audrey stated that it had been recorded that she was a guest instead of a Council Member. 
Ed made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. 
Davey seconded the motion. 
Motion carried.

Reports to Council:

- NOW Teams-Linda Collins reported that there were only two present at the last meeting. The Shepherding Program will be spearheaded by Nancy Phillips and at present, she has 7 volunteers. She also expressed concern with the amount of time between the NOW team meetings and the Church Council meetings. Chab suggested that they schedule them to later in the month, closer to the Church Council meetings. She will check with the team members.
- Lynn Smith voiced concerns about the issue of breakfast on Sunday mornings. The emphasis needs to be on Bible Study, not eating. Breakfast is impacting the amount of/ or the lack thereof, time spent on Bible Study. People need to disperse to their class by 8:50. This would allow each class to begin on time and end on time which would eliminate people entering the Sanctuary after Worship Service has begun. It was recommended that we have a review of the time frames. 
- Linda also stated that there is an issue on Wednesday nights as well. It is cutting into the time allotted for the Children’s Bible Study.
- Del stated that it is the dedication of each class to regulate the time frames. 
- Nelda suggested that there be an announcement 10 minutes before the classes begin.
- Chab suggested that it be 15 minutes before. 
- Linda suggested that the food be removed earlier to allow for on time dismissal from breakfast.

Administrative Committees:

- Lay Leadership- Davey reported that Pastor Doug has a substitute for each Sunday that he will be absent on upcoming vacations.
- Trustees- Mike reported that the work on the Education Building is approximately 90% complete. The remaining work includes:
  - Finish painting
  - Finish the steps-painting, staining, and the handrail
- Complete the duct work
- Installation of carpet
- Install and paint the baseboards
- Door hardware

The work is expected to be completed mid to the end of April.

- Basically expended Choir Room fund is $2,000 into the $20,000 of the Capital Fund. The approximate amount to complete with work is $8,500. The Finance Committee approved the use of whatever remains of the $20,000 be used for the Front Steps.
  - Nelda made a motion
  - Mike seconded the motion
  - Linda Collins recommended that we wait until the project is 100% complete before we roll that money over.
  - The motion carried.

- James Jenkins is the contractor that has been selected to perform the work on the steps. He checked with the county and was informed that a permit will not be required which will save us time and money. The work is expected to begin in May or the first of June.

- Dan Hare has cleaned out the ditch next to the road which will allow the water to drain properly from the parking area in front of the church.

- The Handicapped Parking sign and the new Enter/Exit signs will be installed on the clean-up/work day scheduled for April 6.

- Gene Kodama is in the process of obtaining information regarding Church Security.

- Mike stated that he has not investigated fully how to reduce the drainage fee. It will require some engineering work to verify impervious area which he can and will do.

- Staff/Pastor Relations- No report

- Finance Committee- Nelda stated that she has paid our Apportionments minus the six line items in questions. (Please refer to the Finance Committee meeting minutes dated March 18)

  - She also stated that a monies were gifted to the Maintenance Trailer Fund by a church member a while ago. This person has requested that the money be redirected to the remodel of the front steps.

  - Nelda made a motion that we honor their request.

  - Ed seconded the motion.

  - The motion carried.

Other Reports to Council:

- Lynn Smith addressed the issue of recycling. He stated that we must keep clean paper and cardboard separate. He will obtain the bins and has offered to take them to the recycling center. He said that this is the responsibility of the Trustees and he will report to them.

- Linda Collins and Robin are working on a new hire who would become our new Youth & Children Director. Robin has submitted a job description to Pastor Doug and Brian Swiney for their review. Robin is working on a Youth/Adult Ministry.

- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 23rd. The theme will be “Athens”.

- An Easter dinner has been planned for Palm Sunday at 11:00 immediately following Worship Service. This will be followed with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children.
• The last Wonderful Wednesday meal will be May 22nd. The Nurture team will supply the meal.
• Brian Shepherd has requested a credit card. It was decided that since he only makes purchases twice a year (Christmas & Easter) it was not necessary. He can continue to request Linda O. to make them for him. This will eliminate additional work for the Treasurer.
• Deb Clarke and Sherry Villeponteaux have completed their audit. Ed stated that his computer is down and he expects his audit to be late.
• Linda O’Brien has offered to assume the position of Treasurer. She will discuss with Pastor Doug.
• Del expressed concern for our Bishops and some of their standpoints on the recent special called General Conference. He said that we must be aware of goings-on within the UMC. Pastor Doug will be asked to continue to provide us with additional information.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Del seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Davey closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda O’Brien
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
May 30, 2019


The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council Chairman Chab Clarke.

Chab read from James 3 – Taming the Tongue.

Brian made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.
Ed seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Reports to Council:

**Nurture Team:** Linda Collins changed the meeting date to the last Tuesday of the month. However, in June it will be on the 18th because of Vacation Bible School the last week. She reported that shepherding has kicked off, and all should be hearing from a shepherd soon. Vacation Bible School will run June 24-27. The last day will not be Bible School but a family day with outside activities by Robin. There was a safe sanctuary meeting the night before this meeting, and a new booklet will be out soon. We are searching for youth and children’s director.

**Outreach:** Sherry spoke about the recent Red Bird Mission trip. Salkehatchie is coming up, and two youth, Matt and Moriah, will be attending. It was $230 for youth to participate, but that has gone up to $250 this year.
Del made a motion to pay $250 out of the Salkehatchie Fund for the youth participants’ fees.
Brian seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Sarah Hare did the Wednesday dinner for Salkehatchie and raised $315.50. They voted to go to the Lancaster Salkehatchie camp. Relay for Life was a success again this year. More than $12,000 was raised by PUMC.

**Lay Leadership:** Doug spoke of the need to fill vacancies in all groups for lay leadership in July and early August.

**Trustees:** Mike reported that the Education Building is close to completion and should be finished about mid-June. The target date to begin work on the front steps is July 1. We have $17,320 in the steps fund. He expects to have $8,000 to $10,000 left over from capital assets from work on the Education Building.

**SPRC:** Brian asked for a proposal to approve a new position called CYMD: Children and Youth Ministries Director. He proposed 20 hours a week to start off with hopes of the position becoming fulltime. The Finance Committee has approved. $16,000 will be added to the 2020-2021 budget, but we will need $10,000 extra every year. Fundraising will be needed to fully fund the position. Doug asked Linda Collins and Robin Austin to head up the search committee. We can advertise in the Advocate and with other local churches. Linda C. and Robin will get the ball rolling, vet the candidates, and present them to Brian.
Brian made a motion to approve the CYMD position for 20 hours per week, and raise money for the 2020 budget to fund the position.
Ed seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Chab asked if we would be able to fund the position until the change in the 2020-2021 budget. Doug said he thinks we can handle it this year, and Brian said we have some time because it needs to be announced first. Doug said he will announce the open position during stool time, and it will go into the bulletin as well. Linda O. asked Dot about creating a new line item, and Linda C. said money has already come in...maybe a month ago.

**Finances:** There was a Finance meeting on the previous Tuesday, and the 2018 audit has been submitted. Debbie Clarke made a presentation and recommendations for 2019. Dot also said a form has been drawn up for when people donate money with specifications. The form allows leftover monies to go to the general fund when the project they donated toward is complete. Nelda composed the form.

Dot made a motion to accept Linda O. is the new Treasurer, Nelda Diegel is the Assistant Treasurer, and Marcy is the Financial Secretary.
Brian seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

Linda O. said year-to-date we are $13,000 in the red in our budget, but that year-to-date we have not spent as much as we have anticipated.

**Security Task Force:** Mike said Gene Kodama came up with a security draft. It has three phases of installation over three months, six months and a year. #1 is physical, and the Trustees agreed on it. #2 is surveillance and armed security. #3 is armed security, locks and procedures. He asked that everyone please read over the draft and wait on Gene to discuss at the next meeting. Mike things this is for the Church Council and not the Trustees.

**Annual Conference:** Ed was about to head off to the Annual Conference within a few days with baskets, food and gift cards for the elders and Native Americans.

Sherry asked about coordinating a revival to attract more young people to the church. She said she will speak to the pastor, and she’s looking for this to take place around October or November. Doug said he is all for it.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Del seconded the motion.
The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Benton
PINOPOLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

PROPOSED AGENDA

RECORDING SECRETARY – Marcy Benton

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm

II. DEVOTION/SPiritual TIME –

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

IV. REPORTS TO COUNCIL
   • Now teams
     i. Nurture team
     ii. Outreach& Witness teams
   • Administrative Committees
     i. Lay leadership
     ii. Trustees
     iii. Staff/Pastor Relations
     iv. Finance

V. OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL –

VI. PASTOR’S COMMENTS

VII. RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE –

IX. ADJOURNMENT –
Church Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 25, 2019


Church Council Chairman Chab Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened with a prayer. He read a devotion: Galatians 5

Linda Collins made a motion to change to the May 30, 2019, minutes under SPRC where it read the 2020-2021 budget to 2020 budget, and to approve the minutes with the correction. Lynn Yaden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports to Council:

Nurture Team: Linda C. said since the last NOW meeting, it was decided we do not like the way the structure of NOW has worked. After three years, there is still confusion. She will talk with the leaders for ideas for the 2020 responsibilities.

Outreach: Sherry wants to do a tent revival for three nights, a Sunday through Tuesday. A task list is needed for different choirs, ministers, etc. The tentative date is Oct. 20-22 at 7 pm every evening.

Linda C. said we have the upcoming Red Bird presentation and Ice Cream Social. She talked with Larsen about things on the calendar that she’s working on, like the Back-to-School Bash. Chab noted that Larsen was invited to this meeting, and Doug commented that she is in Orlando with her teaching job.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Doug said he has to set up a meeting on August 8 for the Charge Conference. We need to ask committees with openings to suggest someone for those positions. We must do this soon and have it done prior to the Charge Conference.

Trustees: Michael said the Education Building is 95-98% complete, just caulk and some paint. Brian’s office is done, and the Seekers classroom is finished. $25,000 was spent, and about that much was saved on labor costs by doing the work ourselves. The front steps project should begin in September or October. He said they are short $4,500 of their fundraising goal. The dumpster has been changed from Republic to Trash Gurl. This is $65 per month vs. $235 per month. At the last Church Council meeting, Michael spoke about a security review. The Trustees have started Phase 1 with peep holes, signs and lights in the parking lot.

Ed made note that during Moncks Corner UMC’s Salkehatchie, the kitchen supplies such as cups, hot dog trays, etc., stored in the shower area had to be moved. The supplies are associated with the United Methodist Women. Audrey said they need a space not used on a regular basis but that the rack needs to be moved. Ed noted that these supplies are used for special dinners, but not on a regular basis. Pastor Doug said the Trustees can take action to move the glassware to the Education Building. The last closet closest to the restrooms was offered for the kitchen supplies.
Finance: Dot said our givings are behind about $19,000 on the budget. She said we have to start working to send out forms for the budget for 2020. Nelda noted that they will have to restructure the budget for NOW if it changes.

Chab said he got an email from Brian Swiney about joining the Wesleyan Covenant Association. Brian recommended that we not join it at this time, but possibly in the future. Pastor Doug said he wants people involved and assigned. He recommended we join the WCA and assign one or two people as delegates. He said if we vote to join, the cost to our church would be $100 since our membership roll is not up to date. Chab noted that WCA has taken the lead on some of the UMC conflict, and that he understands they are for a modified traditional plan that most of our church is for. Ed said he has tried to send out information to our church and talked with the people, and from that only one person he encountered favored the progressive plan. Pastor Doug said an advantage of joining WCA was that it represents the traditional elements of the United Methodist Church, which is now working on transition. He said we can fight the war as a single church or as a group.

Lynn made a motion to join the WCA.
Ed seconded.

Chab nominated Del to be the PUMC representative to WCA. Pastor Doug suggested we go ahead and join and put people in charge to work on a position paper. A committee needs to be assigned to put together a statement of written belief. This will be like our mission statement, and we will submit a position paper at the annual conference. He said member churches of the WCA post a covenant on their signs distinguishing them as a traditional United Methodist Church.

Motion carries.

Pastor Doug said he will attend the Charleston WCA district meeting, and that any member can go. Pastor Doug will inform us of the meeting time. Del said a committee will be formed to write up the belief statement, and he will bring that back to council for a vote.

Lynn Yaden reported on the Safe Sanctuary Policy review. She said an overwrite was added about suspected abuse situations. The Trustees approved, and now she needs council’s approval.
Lynn made a motion to adopt the updated Safe Sanctuary Policy.
Audrey seconded.
Motion carried.

Pastor Doug said he is working with the CYMD and has met with the Finance team. He is working with Linda C. and Larsen on a new Wednesday night concept for Wonderful Wednesdays called “Lifetree Café.” It is contemporary worship and teaching. Families can come in from children, youth, to senior adults for a meal and study. It will be a Welcome Table for the community. We plan to begin on September 4.

Pastor Doug has also posted his tentative preaching schedule for the rest of the year.

Pastor Doug said we need to rework our membership rolls. Marcy needs help with this, because what we have now is not correct. He suggested having members sign a form with addresses, phone numbers and emails. Linda C. asked if that falls under Member Care, and if so then Nancy Phillips could help. Pastor Doug made a recommendation to update the membership rolls with the help of two people. Suggestions were Nancy, Audrey and Sarah Hare.
Sherry made a motion to do so.
Lynn seconded.
Motion carried.

Red Bird: Gene said that seven or eight men built a ramp for Betty Kodama recently, and offered his thanks.

Del said a closing prayer.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Linda C. seconded.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

The next meeting will be September 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcy Benton
PINOPOLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

PROPOSED AGENDA

RECORDING SECRETARY – Marcy Benton

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm

II. DEVOTION/SPRITUAL TIME –

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

IV. REPORTS TO COUNCIL
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V. OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL –

VI. PASTOR’S COMMENTS

VII. RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE –

IX. ADJOURNMENT –
Present: Chab Clarke, Dot Gatlin, Del Collins, Pastor Doug Benton, Nelda Diegel, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Linda O’Brien and Sherry Villeponteaux, Davey Hare

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened with prayer.

Ed made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 23rd meeting. Linda O’Brien seconded. Motion carried.

Dell spoke for Linda Collins about NOW meetings. He said there will be an upcoming Truck or Treat event for Halloween, camp meetings with revival. He said Linda agreed to be the NOW chair, but she needs help and asks council to fill the positions. Doug said he will look at the nominations.

Sherry noted the upcoming revival scheduled for Oct. 20-22. The three ministers preaching for revival are Rev. Tory Liferidge from Grace Reformed Episcopal Church and their choir, Pastor Doug, and Tim Dorn from Pointe North Church with their Praise Band. Camp Meetings are planned for every Sunday in October in the Fellowship Hall.

Doug said the NOW positions can be filled by the administrative council if they are not filled. Sherry asked if we are using the NOW model, and Doug said it has to be listed that way because of what the ministry says.

Doug made a motion from the floor to nominate Dan Hare as a member-at-large to Church Council. Audrey seconded. Motion carried.

Linda O’Brien asked if Michelle Steward is moving after she gets married in December. Linda’s concern was if Michelle moves, she is a member of the Board of Trustees and, that that would leave a vacant spot. Michael says that Michelle is not moving. Chab said if she moves, he will get with Michael about finding a replacement.

Doug said we have to nominate our Lay Leadership from the floor. He said we have the required amount, but there are still openings.

Ed made a motion to accept the Lay Leadership nominees. Michael seconded. Motion carries.

Doug said for all other administrative nominees, we can discuss or make a motion to move forward as they are given.

Ed made a motion to accept the nominees as given. Davey seconded. Motion carries.

Doug said we need to certify or allow to file to certify for Lay Servants. The recommendations from Davey are: Davey, Dan Hare, Tyler Owens, Lynn Yaden, C.T. Merree, Lynn Smith, Jerry Peterson, Jim Bunch, Ken Lehman, Dorthy Lehman, Brian Swiney, Lib Rentz, Ronnie Brewer, and Del Collins. Davey said to be certified, lay leaders have to attend classes, but that is not a requirement to be a lay leader.
Linda asked if Ronnie Brewer is a member of the church. Doug said no, but he wouldn’t have to be a member to be a lay leader. Ed asked if being an affiliate member is an option, and Doug said it is allowable.
Sherry made a motion to accept the recommendations for Lay Leadership.
Audrey seconded.
Motion carried.

Pastor Doug said under the Discipline of the church the only thing Church Council had to vote on was administrative positions, that it did not have to vote on ministry positions. Council voted last year to let ministries choose their own. He handed out a sheet containing the NOW ministries positions both filled and unfilled. This is in response to Linda Collins, Del and Sherry’s request that we bring up the nominees and allow people to do the various positions He said to look over the names, and that council did not have to vote on anyone to be appointed to these positions. He asked if anyone wanted to serve on any committee they could. He was unsure of the Angel Tree committee, which is Nancy Phillips. One other person was added to the Communications Team, Greg Riley. Del Collins is working with Salkehatchie, and we will put Sarah Hare on there as well as long as she wants to be added. He said these names are not set in stone, that anyone can be added at any time, and that Linda Collins is in control of this. Doug agreed to help Linda with this. No blanks have to be filled in tonight.

Sherry asked if someone wants to use the kitchen, who do we see? Michael Phillips replied to see Marcy in the office to get a form first, and she will get it to the Trustees. Doug said he and Mike have to sign off on this under the United Methodist Rules from the Board of Directors.

Pastor’s Report
Doug presented the State of the Church report which he is to give to at the Charge Conference. He said if anything needs adding, please contact him. He said it is not a full report on what we are doing, but on the state of the church. It does not need to be voted on.

Doug said the church budget is coming up, and there are a few things he needs to go over that have to be approved separately. First is the Pastor’s Accountable Reimbursement Policy. Once it is approved, it goes into the church budget. He passed around recommendations from the S/PPRC. He said it has to be approved by the church in order to meet IRS regulation.

He said Continuing Education has a set minimum by the conference for $750. Expenses for Annual Conference are $750. Church Travel Expenses are $3,600. This makes the total Accountable Reimbursement Plan $5,100. He said it is required for his ministry, and whatever is left at the end of the year rolls over for three years. He said there is no stipulation on annual conference or travel expenses from the general church. Doug said we need to open this up for discussion, and this will be the final approval and it will be placed in the budget. It will be $100 more than last year. Nelda noted that we do not have $5,000 in the budget for this, and she suggested to change Church Travel Expenses from $3,600 to $2,500, making the total Accountable Reimbursement Plan $4,000 instead of $5,100. Chab questioned about reducing the travel expenses by $1,100, and Ed asked what happens if someone is in the hospital and people still need to be visited. Doug said it will have to come out of pocket, but he can go back and ask for more.
Michael Phillips made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee to approve the Accountable Reimbursement Plan for $4,000.
Davey seconded.
Motion carried.

Doug said our Apportionments are $28,092, and we need to review and vote on this. He said it is his responsibility to urge Council to meet the full apportionments. Dot said the 2020 budget has
apportionments listed at 25% of that number. Nelda said we had budgeted 50% of that number for 2019, but that we aren’t going to make that amount. Doug asked how much are we able to pay. Nelda said that half of our apportionments is $13,901, and we paid $5,419.50. She said we always paid 100% of our apportionments up until last year. So far year-to-date, we have paid $2,734.25. She said we are hoping to get out of code red and give some more at the end of the year.

Michael Phillips made a motion to pay the apportionments as recommended - $5,400. Davey seconded.
Motion carried.

Doug said he already presented to the Finance Committee the recommendations for pastor and staff salaries. Dot said the recommendations were made with our current budget and what we have to work with in mind. S/PPRC recommended to the Finance Committee an increase of Marcy’s salary by 3%, Brian Shepherd by 15%, Sarah Hare by $100 a year, Doug by 3% and to keep the youth director salary as is. Dot said the Finance Committee recommended we leave all salaries as is and reexamine our finances at the end of the year. Nelda said Finance cannot afford to do what S/PPRC recommended.

Dot noted that Music and Choir were cut back to $1000. Nelda noted that Nurture, Outreach and Witness are all under one umbrella, and that as long as they all stay within their numbers, allocation between the three does not have to be specific.

Sherry noted that Native American Ministries’ budget was cut since that money had not been spent this year, but that Revonda Hardesty spends this money in December. Nelda said to put $500 into Native American Ministries and no money in Run for Thanks for next year.

Michael Phillips made a motion to accept the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.
Audrey seconded.
Motion carried, with opposition regarding the apportionments from Doug.

Michael Phillips gave a Trustees report. He said the Education Building is done with the exception of some painting. The total for renovations was $24,554 with $1,526 in donated materials, making the total cost of renovations to the Education Building $26,071. This was a savings of $30,000 over estimates. He said there are plans for work on the upstairs, and that the Wednesday Women want to do work in the classrooms. Nelda said we need to help Linda and Robin with this.

Michael said the Front Steps had a $2,200 shortfall, and that $28,046 is available to spend. He said the project is ready to go assuming Council can approve that the extra money can come out of capital assets and then later be put back in.

Doug made a motion to pull the funds out of Capital Assets to begin work on the Front Steps.
Ed seconded.
Motion carried.

Chab noted that we have collected money for the dinner for Michael’s team who did the work in the Education Building, and their spouses, as a thank you for their outstanding work. Michael said he will discuss this with the team.

Chab said we need to clean up records and boxes of things taking up space around the church buildings, and that this is the responsibility of the Trustees. Michael said he does not agree, that his is not the Trustees responsibility. He suggested he and Doug appoint a small group to do this task, and recommended Ed and Audrey. Doug suggested Ed and Audrey go through and decide which boxes needed to be kept, and then assign one Trustee to say yes or no. Michael agreed with this recommendation.
Doug made a motion to have Ed and Audrey form a small group to go through the items being stored around the church and ask the appointed Trustee for final say.  
Ed seconded.  
Motion carried.  

Michael said last month, the dumpster was swapped from Republic to Trash Girl, which is a savings of $160 per month. The old dumpster from Republic is still here. He said the Trustees are also looking into changing the locks on the office and the Pastor’s office, which will limit the people allowed to enter.  

Del reported on the Wesleyan Covenant Association. He said Church Council had asked him about a Faith Statement, which is:  
1. Belief in God, Father and Son.  
2. Belief in the Bible.  
3. Salvation through Jesus Christ.  
4. Discipleship.  
5. Discipline as written now is where we want to stay.  

Del said he went to local and state WCA meetings, and they had an election of delegates in the conference, which meets in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Nov. 9. Del, Gene and their wives are going to the conference on their own dimes.  

Doug noted that he wanted in the record that he supported 100% apportionment, and that he would like to see in one of the reports to the conference that we joined the WCA.  

Ed made a motion to adjourn.  
Michael seconded.  
Meeting adjourned.
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*Pastor is chair of committee.*  
*Lay Leader is a member of committee. Cannot succeed oneself on CoLL.*  
*Class of 2021 have agreed to serve and are recommended for nomination from the floor.*

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*1/3 of Trustees should be women.*  
*Church Treasurer is a voting member.*

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*Church employees and employees’ family members are not to serve on S/PPRC.*

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*At Large Members: Tommi Bender, Cheyanne Greene, Doris Leary*
Church Ministry Teams

NOW TEAMS

Report to the Church Council
Team members are chosen by a majority vote of the individual teams subject to the approval of the committee on Lay Leadership, & Church Council
N.O.W. Teams share in VBS planning and success

Nurture Team
Purpose: The nurturing ministries of the congregation shall give attention to but not be limited to education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, and stewardship. Attention must be given to the needs of individuals and families of all ages.

Linda Collins, Chair Voting Members: Robin Austin, Nancy Phillips, Dot Gatlin, Lib Rentz

Opportunities for work areas:
Christian Education (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School)
Christian Formation: (Wonderful Wednesdays, UMYF, Children’s Coordination, Children’s church, Family Ministries, Short Term Groups, Church Fellowships, other Special Events)
New: Church Historian, Stewardship Committee, Lay Servant Ministry

Outreach & Witness Team
Purpose: The outreach ministries of the church shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy. These ministries include church and society, global ministries, higher education and campus ministry, health and welfare, Christian unity and interreligious concerns, religion and race, and the status and role of women.

Purpose: The witness ministries of the church shall give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service; Lay Servant Ministries; and other means that give of witness for Jesus Christ.

Del Collins and Sherry Villeponteaux, Co- Chairs Voting Members: Dan Hare, Gene Villeponteaux, Revonda Hardestry, Georgie Ford, Doris Leary

Opportunities for work areas:
Church and Society (Salkehatchie)
Global Ministries
Health and Welfare (Blood Drive, FAN)
Relay for Life
Run for Thanks
Higher Education and Campus Ministry
Scouting Ministries
Community Events: ie: Crunch Bunch, Sassy Seniors, etc.
Epworth Children’s Home
Berkeley Interfaith Ministerial Alliance
Conference Connectionalism (Special announcements and events)
Evangelism (Other than worship events planning)
Missions- (Hope Repair/Red Bird Mission/Native American Ministries)
Community Outreach
New: Disaster Relief

CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
**PURPOSE:** To develop/support/maintain/ & advise in all areas of church communication and technology

**TEAM MEMBERS:** (except the Pastor, Church Administrative Assistant, Lay Leader and Trustee representative) are chosen by majority vote of the Communications team subject to approval by the Committee on Lay Leadership and the Church Council.

**Reports to:** the Church Council.

Voting members of the team include:
- Chairman: Pastor
- Vice Chairman: Church Lay Leader, Davey Hare
- Church Administrative Assistant: Linda O'Brien
- Trustee Representative (picked by Trustees): Open
- Communications Work Areas Coordinator: Linda O'Brien
- Technology Work Areas Coordinator: Gary Mellard
- Young Adult Representative: C.T. Meree
- Worship Team Representative: Brian Shepherd

**COMMUNICATIONS WORK AREAS:**

**CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS** (work area)

*Purpose:* To advise in the planning and implementation of Church Communication programs & activities.

*Reports to:* The team coordinator and the Communications Team

**Coordinator:**
- Linda O'Brien
- Church Administrative Assistant

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**COMMUNICATIONS WORK AREAS CONTINUED**

**CHURCH TECHNOLOGY** (work area)
Purpose: Supports, maintains, operates and advises on Church technical equipment and software as directed by the Communications Team
Reports to: the Communications Team

COORDINATOR:
Gary Mellard

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CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM

PURPOSE: To develop meaningful worship experiences for the congregation and the community.

Team members and all Work Area Leaders are chosen by the Pastor and will serve at his/her direction.

TEAM MEMBERS:
CHAIRMAN- Pastor
VICE CHAIRMAN-Church Lay Leader
CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CHOIR DIRECTOR
WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM LEADER- Open
TECHNOLOGY REP
YOUNG ADULT REP
ALTAR GUILD- LINDA SMITH

WORSHIP WORK AREAS:
PURPOSE: To provide assistance in all areas of Worship
Coordinator: Worship Ministry Team Leader
Reports to the Pastor

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Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Thursday, Jan. 29, 2020


Chab Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from Psalm 158.

For approval of the minutes from the Thursday, Sept. 28, 2019, meeting, Linda Collins recommended changing that she would agree to be the NOW chair. Michael Phillips recommended a change in his Trustees report to note that the Education Building was completed with $1,526 in materials that were donated. Linda O’Brien made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Linda Collins seconded. Minutes approved.

Linda Collins brought up vacancies in NOW positions and said she is not sure how to get people to cover these areas, especially for Outreach and Witness. Pastor Doug recommended putting a list of open positions in the bulletin and newsletter. He said it is not a requirement to be a member in order to do these projects.

Linda said for NOW Teams, a group of children and youth are meeting on Sunday afternoons. They are talking about retreats to attend, and they will go out to eat this Sunday. Red Bird is coming up with a community chicken bog and fish fry as a fundraiser. Moncks Corner UMC is having a yard sale for our Red Bird Mission, and the ladies of Moncks Corner UMC are hosting a tea with half of the money raised going to our Red Bird Mission and the other half to another local organization. Wonderful Wednesdays are going well.

Trustees: Chab noted that the front steps and the Education Building look great. Michael Phillips said all that is left is the front step rails need paint. Linda O’Brien moved the $720 remaining in the Choir Room Fund and $89 from the Capital Assets Account into the Front Steps Account. He said they have one more payment due of $7,500. There will be a church workday on February 29, and in case of rain it will held the next week. He said the church sign has to be moved off of DOT right of way, and the front step masons will build a brick planter around the bottom.

SPPRC: Chab said we have not heard much on our Youth Director position. Linda Collins noted we had one applicant lately, but she lived in Pennsylvania, and we could not meet with her.

Finance: Linda Collins said she was told that at the previous Finance Committee meeting, she was told $5,184 was to be moved from the Wonderful Wednesday account into a new discretionary account. Linda O’Brien said this was money people donated at the Wonderful Wednesday meals, and this money was not being used to purchase supplies. Linda Collins said she was using the money in this account to give Ed and Audrey Kennedy money for kitchen supplies. Linda O’Brien said that there is a separate fund for custodial and kitchen supplies. Chab suggested that supplies could still be purchased with discretionary funds. Pastor Doug said Finance voted to put this money in a discretionary fund to be used at the discretion of the Finance Committee team, to be used where needed, with approval of the Church Council. Linda Collins argued that Wonderful Wednesdays and its money raised fall under the NOW
Committee, so NOW should have a say so in how it is used. Doug said Linda needs to go back to the Finance Committee and explain her point to them.

Linda Collins made a motion to defer the issue back to the Finance Committee. Linda O’Brien seconded. Motion carries.

Stewardship: Linda O’Brien spoke with Julie Horton about being here this Sunday. She said we need to find someone from the congregation to speak about how tithing changed their lives, but this is tough because everything is confidential. Chab suggested Linda ask Dan Hare to speak. Doug asked if we were close to a code red, and Linda said yes.

The next meeting will be held March 26, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Chab dismissed with prayer.
PINOPOLIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

PROPOSED AGENDA

RECORDING SECRETARY – Marcy Benton

I. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 pm

II. DEVOTION/SPiritual Time –

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

IV. REPORTS TO COUNCIL
   • Now teams
     i. Nurture team
     ii. Outreach & Witness teams
   • Administrative Committees
     i. Lay leadership
     ii. Trustees
     iii. Staff/Pastor Relations
     iv. Finance

V. DISCUSSION OF STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PRESENTERS

VI. OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL –

VII. PASTOR’S COMMENTS

VIII. RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE –

X. ADJOURNMENT –

Chab Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Our devotion was saying the Lord’s Prayer aloud.

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Thursday, Jan. 29, 2020, meeting. Linda Collins seconded. Minutes approved.

**NOW:** Linda Collins said the Now Teams have three representatives: Linda C., Robin and William Tippetts. She said although not a lot has been happening because of Covid, Robin has reached out to our Sunday School teachers to do virtual Sunday School classes. She has talked with Brian Swiney, and they plan to do a canned version of Sunday School online for kids and youth.

Robin spoke about the recent movie that will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, outside in the churchyard. She said the Wednesday Women have purchased a screen, and that Davey will run the projection. A food truck will be coming. The Wednesday Women will be selling desserts and popcorn. For October 24, the plan is to do a drive-thru Trunk-Or-Treat where folks can park and enjoy a movie and food truck. She said she will invite the United Methodist Women to sell goodies for a fundraiser for this event. Trunk-or-Treat will run from 6-7 pm. Robin also said we are looking into starting a Young Adult virtual class led by Garry Fellers.

**Lay Leaders:** Pastor Barry said Council has to approve the nominations for Charge Conference. The Nominating Committee met, and all previous officers were nominated to be reinstated with the exception of Dot Gatlin as Finance Committee Chair. He said Nelda has been nominated to fill this position. Dot said although she is not able to serve as the committee chair, she can still serve on the Finance Committee as a member-at-large.

Davey made a motion to nominate Dot as a member-at-large on the Finance Committee. Nelda seconded. Motion carries.

Audrey made a motion to nominate Nelda as Finance Chair. Linda O’Brien seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Barry said the retiring class of the Nominating Committee on Lay Leadership will be Lynn Smith and Audrey Kennedy. He said Jerry Peterson declined from the class of 2022.

Pastor Barry said Trustees can reinstall the retiring class of 2020: Ken Lehman, Jerry Yaden and Lisa Swiney will now be the Class of 2023.
Pastor Barry said SPRC can be reinstalled one time, up to six years. Dot, Georgie and Gene Kodama are moved to the class of 2023. Pastor Barry said all others remain the same, with the Chair of Finance as the only major change. Chab made a note that Audrey was not listed as Historian on the nominations paperwork for Charge Conference. Pastor Barry said it was no problem to add her.

Nelda made a motion to accept the nominations as presented.
Linda O. seconded.
Motion carried.

**Trustees:** Michael Phillips said the Trustees have kind of been working in the background since Covid shut things down for so many months. There was a workday in February that went well. Work has been done in the wooded lot, where they continue to spray it with herbicide. The church sign was moved off of the SCDOT right-of-way, and a brick planter was added to the base of the sign. At the Trustees last meeting, they authorized the Boy Scouts to resume meetings only in the Education Building and outside. The Boy Scout trailer has been parked in the back. The outside of the buildings has been pressure washed.

Chab noted that from the money that was raised last year to treat those who worked on the Education Building to dinner, Michael recommended that the money go into the Capital Assets Fund. He said if there are issue, we can give the money back. Linda suggested sending out an email asking if those who donated have objections to the money going to Capital Assets instead. Chab said we will wait two weeks to see if there are any objections before depositing the money into the Capital Assets Fund.

Michael made a motion for the money collected for the dinner be put into the Capital Assets Fund.
Ed seconded.
Motion carries.

Chab asked if our custodian Larry Whaley’s contract was through the Trustees or S/PRC. Michael said it is with the Trustees. Dan said the contract was drawn up when he was the chair. Linda O. said an attorney has looked at it and is bringing it up to date.

**Treasure’s Report:** Linda presented the attached Treasurer’s Report.

**S/PRC:** Chab said at the Finance Committee meeting on Sept. 22, it was recommended to give a 10 percent increase in salary to Brian Shepherd, Marcy and Sarah Hare. However, the funds are not available to do so. We are near Code Red at this time. If the funds become available, a bonus can be possible.

Ann Matthews spoke to Council to address withdrawals taken from the Appii Cemetery funds. Michael said the Trustees pay Dan to mow periodically because they had gotten complaints. Ann said she has been paying someone to mow the cemetery, and the money in the account was being saved to put up a marker and a fence. She worried this could affect the ability to make those purchases. Michael said the Trustees will discuss the issue at their next meeting. Nelda noted that there seems to be miscommunication between Ann and the Trustees regarding upkeep of the cemetery. Michael asked if PUMC is responsible for the cemetery, and Nelda said yes through Ann’s committee to oversee the cemetery. Dan said ultimately it is the Trustees’ responsibility since it falls under church property.
Finance: Nelda said at the meeting last Tuesday, a proposed 2021 budget was presented that mirrored the 2020 budget. She said changes can be made as needed. She said the 2021 budget is $30 more than the 2020 budget because insurance went up. Robin noted that in Gifts for Graduates under Nurture, the amount proposed was $0. Nelda said she can manage the Nurture funds as a group and not by each line. Linda O. noted that the software we were using to do our payroll no longer supports that feature, so we are now using a payroll company with the fee added.

Nelda made a motion to approve the 2021 Proposed Budget.
Ed seconded.
Motion carries.

Nelda said the attached Balance Sheet shows how much money we have in the bank, and it is all designated to something. Nelda noted that through August, giving was around $6,000 behind where we needed it to be. She said we applied for and received a PPP Federal loan for $15,400, and if not for that loan we would be $21,000 behind. She said now that we are meeting again, she is hopeful the donations will be coming in.

Ed brought up the balance of $5,757.67 under Wonderful Wednesday on the Balance Sheet. Nelda said this issue came before Church Council last January, and it was decided to get a recommendation from the Finance Committee about putting this money into a discretionary fund after Linda C. had spoken with Finance, since she was in charge of Wonderful Wednesday. Finance voted 6-2-2 to bring the original motion to Church Council to decide whether or not to put the money into a discretionary account. Nelda said Council can make a different decision. She recommended not taking 100% of the funds, but to leave $2,000 or $2,500 in the Wonderful Wednesday account and put the rest into a discretionary account. Nelda said no money had been budgeted for kitchen supplies, and so the Wonderful Wednesday money would provide kitchen supplies. Linda C. said she has been praying about the issue and did not want to argue anymore. She said she does not have a problem with Nelda’s suggestion.

Nelda made a motion to take all but $2,500 out of the Wonderful Wednesday account and put it into a discretionary account.
Davey seconded.
Motion carried.

Pastor Barry said people are coming to him that we should not have started back with services. He said a prayer group is meeting on Tuesday nights, but only with five people. He needs to know what to tell folks. Michael said the Trustees have met in the Education Building without any issues. The Boy Scouts have, too. But no one needs to meet in the Fellowship Hall because of worship. Pastor Barry said Tommi Bender wants her Sunday School class to meet at her home. Chab said that was fine, and Pastor Barry added they need to wear masks.

Pastor Barry noted that World Communion Sunday is Oct. 4, and would it be okay to have communion during worship with the special self-contained communion cups we have. He said some could help pass them out. All agreed this was okay.

Audrey made a motion to adjourn.
Ed seconded.
Chab dismissed the meeting with prayer at 8:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 29, 2020, at 6:30 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
Thursday, October 29, 2020

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Davey Hare, Dan Hare, Michael Phillips, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Nelda Diegel, Pastor Barry Allen, Georgie Ford, Linda O’Brien, Robin Austin

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read as a devotion Revelation chapter 22.

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 24, 2020 meeting. Davey seconded. Minutes approved.

**Trustees:** Chab said it has been on the pastor’s mind about moving Sunday worship services back into the Sanctuary. Chab said he thinks this move may be premature at the present time. Michael agreed saying that if every other pew was skipped to accommodate for social distancing, we could only have about 40 people there. Dan said that we could stagger worshipers in the pews, and that our current attendance averages to around 40 people now. Chab said that if we used both buildings, then we would have two buildings to decontaminate. Michael said the Trustees will discuss at their next meeting, and it can be discussed again at the next Church Council meeting.

Michael said the ice machine is broken, and the Trustees have decided to purchase parts for $600 to fix it.

**Finance Committee:** Nelda said the Finance Committee was in favor of spending money to fix the ice machine but wanted more information about the options to buy new, buy used or fix.

Nelda made a motion to approve $600 for repairs on the ice machine, and the money will come from the Discretionary Account.
Davey seconded.
Motion carries.

Nelda said since the Appii Cemetery account was moved to our church interest-bearing account and therefore draws interest, she will transfer $10 into the Appii account from the general church account for the interest it earned this year.

Nelda said a motion was needed regarding Pastor Barry and an added expense for his rent, $60 per month to lease a washer and dryer. Ed said he read through the conference’s guidelines on parsonages, and they say that the church is responsible for having a washer and dryer in the parsonage. Pastor Barry said that is not the case when the pastor rents a home that the church does not own as a parsonage.

Nelda made a motion to pay $60 per month for Pastor Barry to lease a washer and dryer for one year, starting in November 2020, and to revisit the issue at Council’s next meeting in January.
Linda seconded.
Motion carries.

**Appii Cemetery:** Dan said when Frank McCoy was the pastor, he negotiated with the annual conference about having the Appii Cemetery and land turned over to the church. Appii Church closed in 1965, and a lot of their members moved here. The church agreed to sell the lot across the road and use the money for upkeep of the cemetery. Pinopolis UMC put the money from this sale into a checking account, but bank fees were being withdrawn because of the account being dormant, or not spending any money. The Appii Cemetery account was moved into the church account so that it could still draw interest without a fee
penalty for being dormant. That money gains interest for the church, but the cemetery committee felt they
needed their interest to stay in their account. Ann Matthews on the committee has developed a plan for
better control of the cemetery, which was acquired in 1986 or 1987. Dan said nothing has been done with
the money other than grass cutting. Michael said the Trustees had gotten a complaint about how
overgrown the cemetery was, and they asked Dan to mow. Nelda said she spoke with Ann, and Ann said
when someone is buried in the cemetery now, there is a fee that has to be paid, and that money is used for
grass cutting. She said Ann would like a sign to put up at the cemetery, and that one section needs a fence.
The current committee is Ann, Leonard Hill, Myra Whaley, and Billy Bailey, but the others have not been
able to do much recently. Linda noted that at the last Council meeting, Ann and Michael agreed to open
the line of communication concerning Appii Cemetery. Dan noted that the original minutes concerning
acquiring the cemetery stated Pinopolis UMC is to maintain access to funds as a perpetual care fund.
Michael said a sign is not perpetual care, but that no one would have an issue with spending money on a
sign. Michael indicated that Ann should attend the next Trustees meeting to present her ideas on the sign
and fence. Nelda will let Ann know she is invited to present at the next meeting.

**NOW:** Robin spoke on behalf of Linda Collins about Nurture. She said we had a successful Trunk-Or-
Treat and movie night on October 24. More than 100 kids came out for Trunk-Or-Treat, and around 60
attended the movie. Plans are to do another movie in November. Robin said she has been getting
questions about Sunday School. She plans to buy an online pre-recorded Sunday School program for
children’s Sunday School and Children’s Church. We will try this for the next couple of months to see
how well it is received. She said there has not been a lot of cooperation with adults regarding Sunday
School. The Viv Ingle Bible Class is meeting at Tommi’s house off site. The Seekers want to meet for
Sunday School, but the class is large and it is suggested that only small groups meet outdoors in groups of
10 or fewer. She said Del Collins and Gene Villeponteaux were talking about doing a Zoom Sunday
School meeting, but it has not happened yet. All of this can be revisited at the next meeting. She said
children and youth should not meet, so they could not start back other than online. Robin said books were
bought to send out to the kids for Christmas as an outreach.

Audrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Linda seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm with a prayer by Davey.
Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Davey Hare, Dan Hare, Michael Phillips, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Nelda Mosser, Pastor Barry Allen, Georgie Ford, Linda O’Brien, Robin Austin

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**Trustees:** Chab said it has been on the pastor’s mind about moving Sunday worship services back into the Sanctuary. Chab said he thinks this move may be premature at the present time. Michael agreed saying that if every other pew was skipped to accommodate for social distancing, we could only have about 40 people there. Dan said that we could stagger worshipers in the pews, and that our current attendance averages to around 40 people now. Chab said that if we used both buildings, then we would have two buildings to decontaminate. Michael said the Trustees will discuss at their next meeting, and it can be discussed again at the next Church Council meeting.

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**Finance Committee:** Nelda said the Finance Committee was in favor of spending money to fix the ice machine but wanted more information about the options to buy new, buy used or fix.

Nelda made a motion to approve $600 for repairs on the ice machine, and the money will come from the Discretionary Account.
Davey seconded.
Motion carries.

Nelda said since the Appii Cemetery account was moved to our church interest-bearing account and therefore draws interest, she will transfer $10 into the Appii account from the general church account for the interest it earned this year.

Nelda said a motion was needed regarding Pastor Barry and an added expense for his rent, $60 per month to lease a washer and dryer. Ed said he read through the conference’s guidelines on parsonages, and they say that the church is responsible for having a washer and dryer in the parsonage. Pastor Barry said that is not the case when the pastor rents a home that the church does not own as a parsonage.

Nelda made a motion to pay $60 per month for Pastor Barry to lease a washer and dryer for one year, starting in November 2020, and to revisit the issue at Council’s next meeting in January.
Linda seconded.
Motion carries.

**Appii Cemetery:** Dan said when Frank McCoy was the pastor, he negotiated with the annual conference about having the Appii Cemetery and land turned over to the church. Appii Church closed in 1965, and a lot of their members moved here. The church agreed to sell the lot across the road and use the money for upkeep of the cemetery. Pinopolis UMC put the money from this sale into a checking account, but bank fees were being withdrawn because of the account being dormant, or not spending any money. The Appii Cemetery account was moved into the church account so that it could still draw interest without a fee.
penalty for being dormant. That money gains interest for the church, but the cemetery committee felt they
needed their interest to stay in their account. Ann Matthews on the committee has developed a plan for
better control of the cemetery, which was acquired in 1986 or 1987. Dan said nothing has been done with
the money other than grass cutting. Michael said the Trustees had gotten a complaint about how
overgrown the cemetery was, and they asked Dan to mow. Nelda said she spoke with Ann, and Ann said
when someone is buried in the cemetery now, there is a fee that has to be paid, and that money is used for
grass cutting. She said Ann would like a sign to put up at the cemetery, and that one section needs a fence.
The current committee is Ann, Leonard Hill, Myra Whaley, and Billy Bailey, but the others have not been
able to do much recently. Michael asked if Ann wants these things done to the cemetery, why doesn’t she
ask the Trustees? Linda noted that at the last Council meeting, Ann and Michael agreed to open the line of
communication concerning Appii Cemetery. Dan noted that the original minutes concerning acquiring the
cemetery stated Pinopolis UMC is to maintain access to funds as a perpetual care fund. Michael said a
sign is not perpetual care, but that no one would have an issue with spending money on a sign.

**NOW:** Robin spoke on behalf of Linda Collins about Nurture. She said we had a successful Trunk-Or-
Treat and movie night on October 24. More than 100 kids came out for Trunk-Or-Treat, and around 60
attended the movie. Plans are to do another movie in November. Robin said she has been getting
questions about Sunday School. She plans to buy an online pre-recorded Sunday School program for
children’s Sunday School and Children’s Church. We will try this for the next couple of months to see
how well it is received. She said there has not been a lot of cooperation with adults regarding Sunday
School. The Viv Ingle Bible Class is meeting at Tommi’s house off site. The Seekers want to meet for
Sunday School, but the class is large and it is suggested that only small groups meet outdoors in groups of
10 or fewer. She said Del Collins and Gene Villeponteaux were talking about doing a Zoom Sunday
School meeting, but it has not happened yet. All of this can be revisited at the next meeting. She said
children and youth should not meet, so they could not start back other than online. Robin said books were
bought to send out to the kids for Christmas as an outreach.

Audrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Linda seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm with a prayer by Davey.
Present: Michael Phillips, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Chab Clarke, Chris Benton, Marcy Benton, Davey Hare, Pastor Barry Allen, Nelda Diegel, and Robin Austin.

Chab called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. He read and opened with the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Chab noted that there was a change to the September minutes that were approved at the last meeting. One sentence did not make sense as written and needed correcting. Ed made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 2020 meeting with corrected changes. Davey seconded. Minutes approved.

**Trustees:** Chab said that Michael Phillips and Billy Ford got the ice machine working again.

Michael was asked as chair of the Trustees to discuss whether the Boy Scouts should be allowed to continue to meet at the church or not. He said the Trustees discussed it and decided that they can continue to meet here. Nelda asked why this would be an issue. Pastor Barry said last week he received an email from the district office to turn in five or six things: proof of claim, of the years we had scouting. Michael said the proof of claim meant we could collect money from the lawsuit if it is settled. Pastor Barry said the district lawyer told him it was some kind of protection that the pastor or the Trustee chair could sign. Pastor Barry said because it was a legal document, it made him nervous. Michael explained that it stems from the lawsuit, and that the Boy Scouts have had to file for bankruptcy to protect their assets. Chris Benton from Boy Scout Troop 743 explained that the proof of claim states that if you feel the Boy Scouts owe you money, then this gets you in line for the money. Chris said it is a sort of shielding mechanism as a creditor. Chris said he has heard of no abuse accusations in this area or region of South Carolina, and most of them in the lawsuit date back 30 years. He said signing the document gave the district attorney the power to bargain for the church. Pastor Barry said a meeting needed to take place because there were legal documents involved. He said the Boy Scouts will still go on at Pinopolis UMC, and we support that ministry. Chab noted that our previous pastor, Jeff Roper, signed the document with no question for his church. Pastor Barry said the legal document made him nervous, and he wanted this to be a decision of council.

Davey asked if the proof of claim that Pastor Barry signed protected us from lawsuits. Nelda said no, it is a bankruptcy document. If we have a financial stake in the Boy Scouts, then we are entitled to money. She if we had a financial stake in the Boy Scouts, then we would be entitled to money. But the Boy Scouts do not owe us anything. Nelda said we do need proof of insurance, or a Certificate of Insurance, from the Boy Scouts with our name on it. Chris said he has not run into that yet but he knows the Boy Scout Troop does have insurance that covers them on outings. They have certain guidelines they have to follow on outings, including wearing their uniforms, to be covered under this insurance protection. He said he will check with Donna Lyons on the Certificate of Insurance. Chris said that the Boy Scout adults go through training, like the UMC Safe Sanctuary.

Chris said he wants to show up and communicate more with the church on behalf of Troop 743. He said he knows most in the church do not know the adult leaders, and that is a disconnect that needs repair. Marcy said she will give a copy of our Safe Sanctuary documents to Chris so the Boy Scouts can review. Chris said it will be discussed at the next Boy Scout meeting.
Michael made a motion to all the Boy Scouts to continue to meet at Pinopolis UMC as an outreach of the church. Davey seconded. Motion carries.

Finance: Nelda said $780 was approved at the last meeting in October for Pastor Barry to rent a washer and dryer for 12 months. She said since then, a donor has put up to $1,000 for a new washer and dryer. The rental is $60 per month, and it has already been paid for the month of November, leaving $660. She said that if we had this $660 with the donor’s money, then maybe we could look at purchasing a washer and dryer for the pastor. She said the rental was only approved for 12 months, so we could purchase now and it would not be an ongoing expense. Pastor Barry said he was fine with buying a washer and dryer as long as it comes with a service agreement. Chab asked who would be responsible for buying the units, the service contract and the factory warranty. Pastor Barry said that he, Ed and Audrey could shop for the washer and dryer together. Ed said when Pastor Barry leaves, we can have a washer and dryer for the next minister.

Chab made a motion to allow for the purchase of a washer and dryer for Pastor Barry with the up to $1,000 donation and the $660 rental money. Michael seconded. Motion carries.

Chab sent his heartfelt thanks to the Kennedys.

Communion: Pastor Barry asked how often our church usually has communion. Davey said it is usually up to the pastor. Nelda said that last few pastors have done it every month. Pastor Barry said he will try to do it again on Nov. 22 before Thanksgiving. Then we will enter Advent. Nelda questioned if we had enough of the self-contained communion cups that we used last time as a Covid precaution. Marcy said there are hundreds in the box she ordered, so we should have enough for several months. She suggested giving directions on how to use the cups at the next service, because they can be confusing when first using them.

Ed made a motion to adjourn. Davey seconded.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer by Pastor Barry.
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Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Pastor Barry Allen

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Nelda Diegel, Linda O’Brien, Dan Hare, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Davey Hare, C.T. Meree, Pastor Barry Allen, Dorthy Lehman, Ken Lehman, Gene Kodama, Michael Phillips, Sarah Hare and Lynn Yaden

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read Psalm 103.

Nelda made a motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 29, 2020 meeting.
Linda seconded.
Minutes approved.

**Special Presentation:** Gene Kodama presented to council the recommendations from the group asked to evaluate security for the church. This group, who met with Sheriff Duane Lewis in February 2019, included Gene, Chab Clarke, C.T. Meree, Davey Hare, Dan Hare, Billy Ford, Mike Maggard, Ken Lehman, Hubert Harrell and Gary Mellard. Their initial security steps were to install better lighting around the church grounds, which has been done.

Another action that was recommended was to install a video security system for our church buildings and grounds. It will be split into four phases:

1. Sanctuary for $1,900
2. Offices for $1,500
3. Fellowship Hall for $1,900
4. Education Building for $2,000

In addition to the costs of each phase, a computer dedicated to the system would need to be purchased for $300. The cameras would be capable of DVR remote viewing. The video camera security system has been recommended by the Trustees, who will help install it once approved. C.T. said the cameras would be an added measure, especially with the secretary often working in the office alone and since the Cub Scouts’ trailer was recently stolen from the churchyard. Internet speeds may need to be increased, but Marcy said that would not be much more per month. C.T. recommended setting up a line item in the budget for anyone wanting to donate toward the security system. Nelda said the money could come from Capital Projects, and any money donated should go in Capital Projects.

**Lay Leadership:** Pastor Barry said the committee has not met yet this year.

**Trustees:** Michael Phillips remains chair, and Billy Ford is Vice Chair. Becca Meree remains the secretary. A church workday is planned for Saturday, March 20, and it will be pushed back to March 27 in case of rain or if all is not finished. A Flowerbed Adoption plan will be done by the next Trustee meeting. Michael asks that if anyone knows of a project that needs attention around the church, let the Trustees know to add it to their list.

**Finance Committee:** Linda said Finance met on Tuesday, Jan. 26. We have a balance of $12,100 in checking. We finished 2020 with $130,258 in the Money Market account and $15,537 in the checking account. We had a surplus of almost $17,000 in the Operations Account.
Nelda said coming up, Finance will be getting the 2020 audit done, doing a financial report for year-end reports and working on a pledge campaign. With the contributions received in 2020, we were within $2,500 of our budget. She noted $16,800 was not spent that had been contributed towards our budget. The excess funds were mainly because of $15,400 we received from the PPP loan.

1. Nelda made a motion for $5,300 be moved to Capital Project funds, which would complete the payback to ourselves of $125,000 from when the Fellowship Hall was built.
   Dan seconded.
   Motion carries.

2. Nelda made a motion to move $2,500 into apportionments since only around 20% of our apportionments were paid last year. This motion would also move $2,500 into the Discretionary Fund.
   Davey seconded.
   Motion carries.

3. Nelda made a motion for approximately a 5.5% pay increase for paid staff – Marcy, Sarah Hare and Brian Shepherd – as recommended by S/PPRC and to begin in February 2021.
   Dan seconded.
   Motion carries.
   Marcy abstained.

Linda said she has been in contact with attorney Chris Berring about custodian Larry Whaley’s contract, and he does not recommend drawing up a contract because South Carolina is a right-to-work state. Michael made a motion to not have a contract for Larry.
   Ed seconded.
   Motion carries.

**Other Reports:** Michael said many members are hoping to hold worship services in the Sanctuary again instead of in the Fellowship Hall. Trustees voted with four in favor, three opposed and one abstain. Many also want Sunday School to resume as well. Larry was asked about sanitizing all buildings, and he would charge $300 more per month than what we are paying him now, which is his normal fee. Pastor Barry said he has pondered shutting down services because of Covid, but he does not think it should be moved to the sanctuary.
   Ed made a motion to reconsider at the next Council meeting about holding worship services in the Sanctuary.
   Davey seconded.
   Motion carries.

Michael said the Trustees will discuss at their next meeting safe protocol for Sunday School to begin meeting. He made a motion that Sunday School be allowed to meet once these protocols are made.
   Dan seconded.
   Motion carries.

Michael said the choir wants to meet in the Choir Room and practice, but he does not think it would be a good idea at this time. It was decided to hold off on choir practice and singing until it could be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Lynn noted that Dorothy Yaden has been working hard at organizing our library.
Nelda made a motion to approve phase 1 of Gene’s proposal to implement a security camera system for $1,900 plus $300 for the computer to come out of Capital Projects, with Trustee flexibility to use the funds towards a different phase since we are not currently meeting in the Sanctuary.
Linda seconded.
Motion carries.

Audrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ed seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

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RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021

Members Present: Davey Hare, Dan Hare, Marcy Benton, Robin Austin, C.T. Meree, Rebecca Meree, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Nelda Diegel, Pastor Barry Allen, Michael Phillips

Guests Present: Lynn Smith, Sarah Hare, Jim Bunch, Fran Bunch, Arleigh Wells, Sherry Villeponteaux, Gene Villeponteaux, Del Collins, Don Jones, Brian Shepherd, Revonda Hardesty.

Dan filled in for Chab Clarke and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from 1 John 5:4.

Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2021 meeting.
Nelda seconded.
Minutes approved.

Special Presentation: Gene and Del informed council of what is going on with the Wesleyan Covenant Association and the United Methodist Church conference.

Dan made a motion on behalf of the council to continue as a member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association. The annual fee is $250.
Robin seconded.
1 abstained.
Motion carries.

Gene asked that a motion be made to use church facilities to view WCA videos and zoom meetings without prior Trustee approval.
C.T. made the motion.
Davey seconded.
Motion carries, with a special notation from Michael Phillips that these meetings do need to be scheduled with the secretary to avoid facility use conflicts.

Nelda made a motion that we write a letter to our District Superintendent to find out our unpaid pension liability of former pastors. This is an important cost to know for future directional decisions.
Davey seconded.
Motion carries.

Lay Leadership: Pastor Barry said Lay Leadership has not met recently. He said we need a new stewardship chair since Julie Horton has moved and can no longer serve a leadership position.

Trustees: Michael said the Trustees had a workday this past Saturday, and they plan to do another in early May. They are working on a list of repairs and projects that will be completed by the next meeting.

Finance: Nelda said Finance met last Tuesday with a balance of $16,000, and we have $130,000 in our money market account. Year-to-date we are $9,000 against our budget, but we are still in the green because of decreased spending.

Last year we received $15,400 from a government PPP loan for salaries and utilities. The bank has just opened a portal for the loans, and we have applied for forgiveness.
Nelda made a motion to add an extra $200 for equipment costs associated with Phase 1 of installing the new security system. This amount covers an increase in equipment costs since our quote was first received. 
C.T. seconded. 
Motion carries.

Marcy asked if printed bulletins should be implemented again for Sunday worship, but council agreed not at this time. She also brought up the issue of whether our internet speed was adequate for the live broadcasts of our worship services. C.T. and Davey said they can investigate the speed issue to see if we need to pay for an increase.

**Open Discussion:** Dan brought up an open discussion of moving Sunday worship service back into the Sanctuary. Michael noted that custodian Larry Whaley will charge us an extra $300 per month to sanitize the sanctuary.

C.T. made a motion to begin worship services in the Sanctuary again.

Davey seconded.

Voting in favor: 3
Opposed: 6
Motion does not carry.

Dan brought up using the kitchen again. Sarah suggested it be cleaned first. Robin noted that the Conference is still recommending boxed lunches and not sharing food or eating meals together, and this is based on CDC recommendations.

C.T. made a motion to begin use of the kitchen facilities again for members or in-house groups of the church with protocols from the Trustees.

Robin seconded.

Voting in favor: 7
Opposed: 2
Motion carries.

Robin would like to resume Children’s Church on Easter Sunday in the Seekers Classroom. The classroom can be sanitized after the adult Sunday School class finishes on Sundays before worship service. She said they still plan to practice social distancing. Robin plans to talk with the Trustees about children’s Sunday School and reopening the nursery, and she hopes to begin them by the end of April.

Robin made a motion to resume Children’s Church utilizing the Seekers Classroom starting on Easter Sunday and to resume children’s Sunday School by the end of April.

C.T. seconded.

Motion carries.

Brian Shepherd said he would like to ask council to consider three different motions. 1- Can choir rehearse as long as they are socially distanced? He said it will be up to each choir member if they want to wear a mask. 2- Can choir be allowed to participate in the worship service starting the first Sunday in May? 3- Can we allow the congregation to participate in singing hymns starting the first Sunday in May?

#1: C.T. made a motion to begin choir practice again.
Audrey seconded.
Motion carries.

#2: C.T. made a motion for the choir to be a part of the worship service starting the first Sunday in May, and it will be up to each choir member as to whether or not they wear a mask.
Dan seconded.
Voting in favor: 5
Opposed: 3
Motion carries.
Michael noted that the Trustees would require that the congregation chairs be moved farther from the stage.

#3: C.T. made a motion for the congregation to participate in singing starting the first Sunday in May, and that the congregation will wear masks when singing.
Dan seconded.
Voting in favor: 5
Opposed: 2
Abstained: 1
Motion carried.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Michael seconded.
Pastor Barry closed in prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Pastor Barry Allen

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm

ADJOURN -

Guests Present: Arleigh Wells, Dr. Jerry Yaden, Lynn Yaden, Jim Bunch, Fran Bunch, Gene Villeponteaux, Sarah Hare and Georgie Ford.

Call to Order: Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He opened with The Lord’s Prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Ed made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021, meeting. Robin seconded. Minutes approved.

Trustees: Michael said only he and one other person showed up for the workday planned for May 22. He said another workday may be scheduled soon.

There was a leak in the Education Building. The ridge caps had blown off, and they have since been replaced. Around the vents was caulked. The shingles will only be good for another couple of years. Billy Ford is working on getting a quote for a metal roof.

At the last Trustee meeting, it was agreed that the Fellowship Hall can be used for any and all functions. There will be no self-serve buffets, food must be served by people wearing masks and gloves.

Michael said someone had asked about Appii Cemetery and if members of Pinopolis UMC can be buried there. He said he needs to talk with Ann Matthews and resolve this by the end of the year.

There is a list of projects the Trustees have compiled for the church property. They include major things like replacing the wheelchair ramp in the back of the church, work on the upstairs of the Education Building, window and door frames in the sanctuary, carpet in the sanctuary, replace the roof on the Education Building. The cost is estimated to be around $51,000. Some of this is based on quotes. Michael said playground repair can come from the playground fund.

Finance: Linda reported that we have a checking account balance of $13,996.14. This does not include the May payment to the S.C. Conference of $2,535.94. It does include the $1,200 payment for June’s housing allowance. We have scheduled transactions of $2,160.52. Today’s payroll was $8,528.23. This leaves a balance of $771.71. The balance in the Money Market account is $130,271.11.

Nelda said that at the last council meeting, she was to contact the superintendent about pension liability, but she has not heard back from her yet. We have paid half of our budgeted apportionments for this year.

Nelda asked Lynn Smith and all guests to please leave the room. Gene objected. When they returned, Nelda said she is stepping down as the Finance Committee chair, and Lynn Smith has volunteered to take over the position.
Nelda made a motion that she resigns as the Finance Committee chair, and for Lynn Smith to take over the position effective June 1. She said they have already spoken with the pastor. Audrey seconded. Motion carries.

Gene wanted it noted in the minutes that he objected to the executive session since the Finance chair is not a paid position.

Nelda said with Lynn now serving as Finance chair, and since Dan Hare passed away, we will now have a few new money counters. The counters are Tommi Bender, Robin Austin, Lib Rentz and Doris Leary. Davey will be the counter for the fifth Sundays.

Audit: Chab said the 2020 audit has been completed by Debbie Clarke and Sherry Villeponteaux. Ed did the smaller accounts. It still needs to be signed.

Other Reports: Michael said Marcy found a letter from when the current safe deposit box changed hands. A letter needs to be written to change the signature card to Michael Phillips, Trustees chair; Linda O’Brien, treasurer; Calvitt Clarke, Church Council chair; Lynn Smith, Finance chair. Nelda asked if we wanted to keep the box at Farmers and Merchants Bank or move it to First Citizens, where we currently have our account set up and could get it for free. We currently pay a small fee to Farmers and Merchants every year for the safe deposit box rental. Michael said that was a Trustee decision, and they will discuss it at their next meeting.

Chab brought up the discussion of moving Sunday worship services back into the Sanctuary. He said Pastor Barry is in favor of this beginning the first Sunday in June. He said Davey Hare wants to wait until June 13 because the equipment is not ready. The Trustees have voted that this was okay.

Ed made a motion to move Sunday worship services back into the Sanctuary on June 13. Audrey seconded. Motion carried.

Chab dedicated this meeting and all future Church Council meetings to Dan Hare, who was a cornerstone of our church.

Michael added that someone has offered to mow the churchyard on a trial basis, then the trustees will vote if they can do it permanently. He said the person agreed to do it for the same price Dan Hare did.

Gene said at the last meeting, we voted to renew our membership with the Wesleyan Covenant Association for $225 per year. Gene had said he would take care of this but has backed out, and he recommended using discretionary funds to pay for it. Nelda said it can come out of our office supplies budget, and that any money coming out of the discretionary account has to be voted on by council.

Lynn Smith requested an inventory of the lockbox.

Audrey made a motion to adjourn. Nelda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, July 29, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

CHARGE CONFERENCE PREPARATION

- Charge Conference will be Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Location TBA either in person or via Zoom
- All Charge Conference materials must be turned into the office by Thursday, Sept. 23.

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Pastor Barry Allen

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD since Charge Conference will be held at regular time

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council Minutes  
Thursday, July 29, 2021

Members Present: Marcy Benton, Chab Clarke, Nelda Diegel, Lynn Smith, Linda O’Brien, Michael Phillips, Pastor Barry, Davey Hare, Ed Kennedy and Audrey Kennedy

Guests Present: Sarah Hare

Call to Order: Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He opened with a devotional reading of Psalm 135.

Approval of Minutes: Ed made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 27, 2021, meeting. Two changes were asked to be made: changing that someone “volunteered” to mow the churchyard to someone “offered” to mow the churchyard, and the yearly membership renewal to $225 per year for the Wesleyan Covenant Association was changed from $225. Robin seconded. Minutes approved with changes.

Trustees: Michael said the Trustees have raised only $3,850 so far as they have asked for funds to help pay for projects around the property. Projects receiving money are for the ramp, carpet in the sanctuary, and security lights. He said as the money is collected, we will do the projects. There is no designated priority except for the back ramp.

Michael said the churchyard around the sanctuary is to be mowed every week, and around the whole property every two weeks. Mowing the grass at Appii Cemetery has been mentioned, and Michael said he is getting the information together.

The playground equipment has had the decking replaced. Steps are to be painted by Robin Austin.

He said at the last Trustees meeting, it was discussed how half of the congregation in the sanctuary are wearing masks, and half are not. When we went into the sanctuary, we did not relax the rule about masks being mandatory, but hardly anyone does that or social distancing. He suggested sending out an email and putting a slide on the overhead to remind the congregation to wear their masks. Lynn Smith asked how the mask rule applied to the choir, pastor, liturgist, etc? Audrey said the choir is to keep their masks on except when singing.

Michael also said the Safe Deposit Box paperwork has been signed and sent to First Citizens Bank.

Finance: Linda reported that our checking account balance as of Tuesday, July 27, is $8,746.13. This includes the payroll for July, which was submitted that day in the amount of $7,679.36. The Money Market Account has a balance of $130,277.64. The Operating Account as of the end of June was $13,789.06.

Lynn said our Charge Conference has been set for Thursday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 pm. He sent out dates for meetings to finalize the budget for 2022. All Charge Conference materials have to be turned into the office by Tuesday, Sept. 21. Nelda said there was no large planning meeting last year because of Covid,
and that she and Dot Gatlin mostly duplicated the budget from the previous year. She said it is best if the chairs give a budget, and that it is not easy to plan a budget without a pledge campaign. Nelda said the budget can be done in two or three meetings.

**NOW:** Pastor Barry said when he first came to PUMC, he had never heard of the NOW setup. He said it is not in the discipline, and people don’t like it. He said it cannot be changed without action of the board. He said we are not really using it because it calls for three chairs, and now we just have one. Sarah said Rev. Dick Broomall started NOW from the conference back in 2009 or 2010, that Rev. Jeff Roper reintroduced it, and Rev. Doug Benton shortened it. She said no one was quite sure what was going on. Chab asked that Pastor Barry study the makeup of NOW and talk with those leading it now. Michael said the time to change it is before the Charge Conference.

**Charge Conference:** Pastor Barry said the District Superintendent has scheduled our Charge Conference for Thursday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 pm. We don’t know the location yet, whether it will be in person or via Zoom. We need all Charge Conference materials turned in by Sept. 21. PPRC needs to meet first because of salaries, then Finance, then the administrative bord to approve.

The next Church Council meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 pm to prepare for Charge Conference and since the Charge Conference will be held at our regular meeting time. The pastor is to get reports for committees and organizations and give to Davey.

Membership in the Wesleyan Covenant Association was discussed. Nelda said she asked the District Superintendent about our pension liability and was told it is not known because there are a lot of work and calculations that would need to be done to figure it out. Linda said we just paid our dues to the WCA, and council can vote to terminate that membership at any time. Pastor Barry suggested we table the issue and not create further division in our church over it.

Chab closed with a prayer.

Ed made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Davey seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

CHARGE CONFERENCE PREPARATION

NOMINATIONS

BUDGET

- Charge Conference will be Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 at 6:30 pm
- Location TBA either in person or via Zoom
- All Charge Conference materials must be turned into the office by Tuesday, Sept. 21.

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Pastor Barry Allen

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – TBD since Charge Conference will be held at regular time

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council  
Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021  

**Present:** Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Pastor Barry Allen, Lynn Smith, Davey Hare, Audrey Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Michael Phillips, Linda O’Brien, Sarah Hare, Nelda Diegel.

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from Psalm 62.

Pastor Barry said that Brian Swiney is resigning as the chair of PPRC. Ed Kennedy will take Brian’s place in 2022 and will start on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021.

Pastor Barry presented new classes to fill positions of Lay Leadership for 2022 as listed on a separate form. There was some concern whether Myra Whaley would be able to fill the position of church treasurer. Nelda and Linda said the position would require about six hours a week with a need to be accessible and a knowledge of computers, the Excel program, accounts payable, payroll and journal entries. Pastor Barry said that Myra was the first person he asked who said they would fill the position. It was agreed that Linda would train Myra for three months to make sure she is comfortable with the workload required. Linda said if she has to stay treasurer for a few months extra into 2022, she will do it. However, Linda cannot commit to doing this long term.

Davey made a motion to accept the nominees to fill the Lay Leadership positions for 2022, changing the treasurer back to Linda O’Brien. And once Myra has training as the new treasurer, the position will become hers. Michael seconded. Motion carries.

**Trustees:** Michael said they have $6,000 in funds from the repair project list. Security lights should be in within the next month or so. Pastor Barry asked about making masks mandatory for worship service. Michael said they are currently encouraged but not mandatory. Pastor Barry asked about starting back with Wednesday night meals and Bible study. Linda said the timing right now is wrong because the numbers are too high. Davey agreed.

**Finance:** Lynn presented a final draft of the 2022 budget for the church. There was a line item added for under Nurture for Church Décor with $200. Gifts for Graduates was zeroed out. Media and Technology added a line item for AV and computers with $600 in addition to the $630 already in the fund. WCA membership fee was left at $0. There was a 2.5% increase for employees. The Youth director position budget was dropped to $1,200 with a fund in place of $8,000. The proposed budget was $212,907.60. Our projected income for 2022 is $160,000, which is a $52,807.60 difference. Nelda noted that in the past, a balanced budget was presented to Council.
Pastor Barry asked about a change in the housing allowance. Linda asked Barry if he had checked with his landlord to get an estimate of a rent increase for next year to plan accordingly in our budget. Pastor Barry said he has not and will not because the church is obligated to pay his rent. Ed said it is the church’s responsibility to pay his rent. Davey suggested moving $500 from Account Reimbursable and move it to the Housing Allowance.

Michael made a motion to accept the budget as presented with the additions and corrections made. Nelda seconded. Budget passes.

**Benevolence:** Chab said a Benevolence Committee will be set up consisting of Tommi Bender, Nancy Phillips and Doris Leary. They will decide how to use money from the Benevolence Fund. The pastor is allowed to designate up to $100 from the Benevolence Fund, and the committee will decide any amount past that. Ed made a motion to cap the distribution amount of Benevolence Fund money to $300, with the option of going back to the Finance Committee if any amount is above that cap. Davey seconded. Motion carries.

The next meeting of Church Council will be Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021.

Ed made a motion to adjourn. Michael seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, October 28, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

PASTOR’S COMMENTS – Pastor Barry Allen

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – January 27, 2022

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Linda O’Brien, Michael Phillips, Ed & Audrey Kennedy and Lynn Smith

Chab called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

Lynn said action is needed by Church Council regarding items brought up at the Dec. 16, 2021, Finance Committee meeting. We would like to utilize discretionary funds and the emergency funds to cover the $13,000 in bills due by the end of the month/year. We have $3,700 in our checking account. Currently the Discretionary Fund has $14,000 and the Emergency Fund has $10,000. Depending on the amounts we receive after money is counted tomorrow, the exact amount to come out of these funds would be left to the discretion of the treasurer.

Linda made a motion that the treasurer be allowed to use money from the Discretionary Fund and Emergency Fund to cover our bills at the end of the month.

Audrey seconded.

Motion carries.

Lynn said for 2022, the Finance Committee proposes a new temporary fund called “Without Contributions to Apportionments” to enhance giving by those who do not wish to contribute to apportionments. He said we have plenty of money in funds but not in our operating account. It will be temporary because of the General Conference meeting in August.

Linda made a motion to set up a new temporary fund called “Without Contributions to Apportionments.”

Audrey seconded.

Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned.
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – March 31, 2022

ADJOURN -
Present: Debbie Clarke, Sherry Villeponteaux, Donna Cabrera, Joan Wells, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Michael Phillips, Lynn Smith, Davey Hare, Sarah Hare, Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Myra Whaley

The meeting was called to order by Chab Clarke at 6:30 pm. He read Matthew 3:1-17.

Approval of Minutes: Lynn made a motion to approve the October 28, 2021, minutes with the change under Finance from “our funds” to “operating funds.”
Davey seconded.
Minutes approved as amended.

Minutes from the December 19, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.

Lay Leadership: Davey is still covering vacancies with the liturgist and in the pulpit when there is an absence. Don Jones will preach this Sunday. Chab asked who are the members of the Media and Technology Team, and Davey replied the pastor, the secretary, C.T. and Becca Meree, Dorthy Lehman, and Davey as the chairman. Davey said we need to meet together and discuss updates to the computers.

Trustees: Michael said progress has been made on the back ramp, which is about 95 percent done; a post and mid-rail still need to be replaced as well as add some non-slip paint. Sarah said the landing is high on one edge of the ramp, and Michael said it will be looked at. Michael estimates that for replacing carpet in the sanctuary, work and floor work will be around $10,000. We currently have about $6,000. Donations have slowed down, and he asked that we add to the newsletter that we are still accepting donations for the carpet job. Donations for the security system have totaled $1,480. Phase 2 is $1,473. This includes cameras around the office and nursery. There was a leak in the Education Building roof above a bathroom vent. We have a $1,200 estimate to repair, and this will be discussed at the next Trustee meeting since we are in Code Red.

Finance: Lynn presented Council with a balance sheet for all of our designated funds per the Book of Discipline requirements. He made a motion that Council accept this report.
Davey seconded.
Report accepted.

Stewardship: Lynn said January giving was typical of last year, around $13,000. We only had 15 pledges. He said staff expenses are a large percentage of our budget, not including the Children and Youth Ministries Director. Staff expenses are 65 percent of our budget. Income is at 80 percent. Michael said by the next Council meeting, he would like to get feedback from the congregation, such as an email or bulletin survey. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

Marcy said donations so far this year have totaled $13,856. The amount needed year-to-date is $20,295. We have received 15 pledge cards that total $80,545. Two of them are for without contributions to apportionments.
S/PRC: Sherry said the committee has met with the District Superintendent. Next week, we have decisions to make on our pastor vacancy in June. Our church is in dire straits. If we want to change the pastor’s salary, now is the time. S/PRC will talk about what can help remedy our financial situation. We proposed a salary change, lowering the pastor’s salary from a $53,000 per year base. Overall, the pastor receives $98,986 per year in salary, housing and allowances. In past years, it this has not been a problem, and Sherry said she didn’t know how low we could go on the salary without getting someone right of out of the seminary. She said the DS told her a new person with no experience typically has a beginning salary of $46,556. A pastor with 11 years of experience makes an additional $1,753. Sherry said we raised the housing allowance because the landlord went up on his rates, but we were not in Code Red then. We were hoping to lower it from $1,600 per month (or $19,200 per year) to around $1,400 per month. Sherry noted that years ago we were in a charge, and this could be a possibility for our future. She said we could look for rent for around $1,400 or $1,500 per month before our new pastor gets here.

Sherry suggested trying for a lower salary, but she said she doesn’t know what we will get with that. She is thinking to lower the salary by $7,000 to $8,000 per year.

Chab asked for an update on the CYMD position. Sherry said we have not been successful so far. She feels as though if we don’t get youth, we are not going to survive. The last person interviewed said he wanted the job, but then bowed out. A lot had happened to him between that time. We are praying fervently that he can come back. Lynn emphasized that we need to be prepared in the area of Sunday School should any families show up on Sunday morning.

Debbie said that with the issue of the pastor’s salary, that looking at last year’s tithes and this year’s forecast, she feels it would be wise to share a pastor in a charge. Davey said we have done it before, and there was a 60%/40% share of the pastor, with PUMC having the controlling interest. Sherry asked how hard is it to get out of one if you want to leave.

Sherry said she would check on the Dodge house as a possible parsonage rental.

Chab closed with prayer.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Davey seconded.
Meeting adjourned.
CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – May 26, 2022

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Thursday, March 31, 2022

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Lynn Smith, Linda O’Brien, Rev. Cooper Stonestreet, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Davey Hare, Don Jones, Del Collins, Revonda Hardesty, Joan Wells and Sarah Hare

The meeting was called to order by Chab Clarke at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from John, chapter 10.

Approval of Minutes: Audrey made a motion to approve the February 3, 2022, minutes. Linda seconded. Minutes approved.

Lay Leadership: Davey had nothing new to report. He is working on a meeting for the Media & Technology team.

Trustees: No report.

Finance: Lynn updated on the treasurer replacement status, that the Nominating Committee is working on finding a replacement for Linda. One person has declined. Linda will not drop us and is trying to reduce her workload.

Davey estimates that he needs about $2,000 for cyber coverage.

Finance Committee is currently drafting a Code Red Procedure.

Our internal audit findings by Debbie Clarke, Sherry Villeponteaux and Donna Cabrera were good. Debbie said we should work on internal procedures.

Finance approved taking a collection for UMCOR and two fundraisers, selling car wash tickets and prints of the sanctuary. Money raised from both fundraisers would go into the operational budget.

Finance recommended for fees to the Wesleyan Covenant Association be approved for payment by adding a line item under “Other Expenses” for a total of $225. The WCA renewal is due in July. Chab suggested paying for the WCA fees out of the lay delegate account since Ed would not be going this year.

Don made a motion to pay for the WCA dues for 2022 with money from the lay delegate account. Davey seconded. Motion carries.

Pastor: Rev. Stonestreet spoke to council in appreciation of the congregation and the opportunity to work with them. He thanked the music director and secretary. He planned to slightly change up the order of worship for Palm Sunday and Easter. He encouraged everyone to give to UMCOR for Ukraine relief, saying all UMCOR money goes to the cause. He said we have a good church, and that it needs to be a United Methodist church until anything is changed.
**Other Reports/Issues:** Sarah asked about using ushers and acolytes during worship service again. Marcy said that has to be done by the Trustees since they are who made the initial change. Don said he will bring this up at the next Trustee meeting.

Lynn asked about the lights staying on in front of the church all the time. Davey said the security lighting out front is not working, that a wire may have been nicked when the steps were built, and the breaker would keep tripping. LED bulbs are being used, which has minimal current usage.

Marcy announced that quarterly reports will go out next week.

Chab closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – July 28, 2022

ADJOURN -

The meeting was called to order by Chab at 6:30 pm.

Linda made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2022, meeting.
Lynn seconded.
Minutes approved.

Lay Leadership: No report.

Annual Conference: Ed said the annual conference will be online, and he has signed up.

Trustees: Michael said the carpet in the sanctuary is done. We collected $5,000 more than we needed. Phase 2 security cameras have been authorized for install. We are not sure when this will happen because of supply issues. The air conditioning unit in the office building had to be replaced at a cost of $5,700. Church cleanup day will be June 4 at 8 am. Davey previously said the lights being on all day on the front of the church presents a bad image. Michael said Billy Ford is in charge of that, and it will require a new breaker box in the sanctuary.

Finance: Lynn said in the financial secretary’s report, we have an income of $71,000 for the year with a need-to-date budgeted amount of $85,000. We have been in code red. Linda put together figures that show the donations that go into designated funds and our operations account, with a focus on contributions without giving to apportionments. Ed questioned what if we took out the $2,800 we budgeted for apportionments and only paid apportionments with funds designated to pay it? Rev. Stonestreet said the budget has already been approved for this year and cannot be changed midway through the year. Linda said managing the operations budget and givings without contributions to apportionments has been complicated because she doesn’t know how to use these special givings. She suggested taking the “Extra Givings for Apportionments” line item in the budget and tell people if they want their money to go toward apportionments, then they can specify their donation to that line item. Rev. Stonestreet recommended the book “Autopsy of a Deceased Church,” and that we get beyond people who won’t give. He said instead we need to be bold in evangelism, mission and giving...be the church, and God will take care of the church. Lynn said he will discuss this with the new pastor when he arrives in June or July.

Ed said the washer and dryer we gave to Pastor Barry is supposed to be coming back to us. Linda said to contact Sherry Villeponteaux to find out.

Linda reminded everyone that we are in Code Red. Any expenses must be approved by Lynn before purchase.

Rev. Stonestreet thanked the Trustees for installing the new carpet in the sanctuary, and that it looks great. He commended our recent recognition of graduates, Robin Austin’s comments during the service.
and the meal afterwards prepared by Linda. He reminded council to not let anything keep us from being the church, and that the greatest glory of the United Methodist Church is the connection.

Chab closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Church Council meeting will be Thursday, July 28, at 6:30 pm in the Seekers Classroom.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Linda seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, July 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations
- NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 29, 2022

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council  
Thursday, July 28, 2022

Members Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Lynn Smith, Sherry Villeponteaux, Gene Villeponteaux, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Don Jones, and Davey Hare

Others Present: Joan Wells, Donna Cabrera, Debbie Clarke, Del Collins, and Sarah Hare

The meeting was called to order by Chab at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from Matthew 6:25-34 and opened with prayer.

Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022, meeting. Davey seconded. Minutes approved.

Lay Leadership: Davey had nothing new to report. He unofficially met with the new pastor, who said he plans to give it a year before implementing anything new. Lynn said we currently need to replace the treasurer and appoint a Stewardship Chair and Sunday School Superintendent.

Finance: Lynn made two proposals dealing with apportionments.

1. We have $5,000 in funds entitled as a category “Without Contributions to Apportionments.” There is a desire to be able to use this money to pay operating expenses, we are not sure how accounting-wise the method to perform this transaction, and the treasurer will investigate and report on the proposed accounting method. Therefore, to eliminate this accounting issue, Lynn suggested revising Our 3033 Fund on the balance sheet to from “Extra Giving To Apportionments” to “Apportionments” and eliminate the Operating Account category “Without Contributions to Apportionments.” Sherry made a motion to revise the balance sheet “Extra Giving To Apportionments” to just “Apportionments.” Gene seconded. Motion carries.

2. Lynn’s second proposal was to combine two funds, 3012 Media and Technology and 3040 Audio Visuals/Computers and have it listed as Audio Visuals/Computers Fund for next year’s budget. Don made a motion to combine the funds and keep the Audio Visuals/Computers Fund name. Davey seconded. Motion carries.

Lynn is planning a 2023 budget for our Charge Conference set for Thursday, Oct. 16. While the Book of Discipline does not call for a Narrative Budget, which is a description of what the church would like to accomplish in each area of ministry and the spending necessary to accomplish the goal, our Guidelines Book and Financial Procedures do call for a narrative budget. Lynn would like to see some form of a Narrative Budget:

1. He proposed in August sending a letter to Lay Leadership asking for their suggested goals and numbers.
2. Generic goals such as hiring a youth director, training/developing leaders, increase attendance/contributions by 20%, presenting a balanced budget, and increasing giving toward apportionments.

3. There must be a realistic budget balance between goals versus income.

Finally, Lynn distributed a second version of the “Financial Policies and Procedures” in a support effort to address the findings related to this year’s internal audit. He is not sure acceptance by the Finance Committee will be accomplished by Charge Conference.

S/PRC: Sherry said the new minister is doing well. He loves the church and people. He was at Crunch Bunch today. Because he is retired, living quarters are not required. He opted to travel back and forth from his home in Lake City. Elliott Bishop in in the process of making her cottage ready for the pastor. S/PRC met with the pastor on Aug. 21 and agreed about compensation for next year. We will have it ready by the next meeting.

Scouts: Marcy reported for her husband Chris that the Cub and Boy Scouts are gearing up to sell popcorn again for their annual fundraiser, and they plan to use the bus on Labor Day weekend for a trip to the Creeper Trail in Virginia.

There was general discussion about no one being in charge of the NOW committee. Although it was eliminated last year, nothing has been offered to take over the programs and responsibilities it created. Sarah is planning to have the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 5 pm to get back to having activities and functions. She said we need to go back to an old-fashioned planning session for activities. Wonderful Wednesdays will begin again in September, and Sept. 7 was suggested as a date for a planning session with Sherry and Sarah leading.

Gene said we need to educate ourselves on what is happening with the United Methodist Church and know what our options are. He made a motion to: Whereas the PUMC is aware of an ongoing conflict within the United Methodist Church (UMC) that appears to be leading to a split in the organization, the PUMC resolves to create a “Task Force” to:

1. Investigate the conflict and options to address the issue for the PUMC congregation.
2. Report its findings to the Council and congregations and
3. To assist with assessing the desires of the congregation to either remain a part of the UMC or to depart from it.

Don seconded.
Motion carries.

Gene made a motion to accept Gene Kodama as leader of the Task Force. When he has assembled a team, he will report back to Council to approve.
Sherry seconded.
Motion carries.

Chab closed the meeting with prayer.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Davey seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm  
DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS  
REPORTS TO COUNCIL
  • Lay Leadership  
  • Trustees  
  • Finance  
  • Staff/Pastor Relations  
  • NOW

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL

CHARGE CONFERENCE APPROVAL  
RECAP OF ACTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

NEXT MEETING DATE – Monday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

ADJOURN -
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Members Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Lynn Smith, Sherry Villeponteaux, Gene Villeponteaux, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Davey Hare, Nelda Diegel, Michael Phillips

Others Present: Debbie Clarke, Sarah Hare

The meeting was called to order by Chab at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from Chronicles 29:10-13 and opened with prayer.

Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022, meeting.
Davey seconded.
Minutes approved.

Chab called for a quick motion to accept Debbie Clarke, Revonda Hardesty and Del Collins as Task Force team members for Gene Kodama to present facts on whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. They will be on a fact-finding mission and bring us back up to speed.

Davey made a motion to accept Debbie, Revonda and Del as the Task Force to assist Gene Kodama.
Michael seconded.
Motion carries. Gene will make a report to council on Monday, Oct. 10.

Lay Leadership: Davey said Lay Leadership met, but Pastor Sam has turned everything over to Lynn Smith with the Nominating Committee. Lynn said Nominating Committee has met three times, and the pastor is not doing his chairman duties. Linda O’Brien has agreed to extend her service as church treasurer. Stewardship is still open, and Revonda agreed to be our backup. We are still looking for a Church Council chair and Sunday School Superintendent. These positions can be presented at the Charge Conference as TBA, and we can call a special Church Council meeting to elect them later.

Trustees: Michael said the buildings were pressure washed today, paid for by donations from Sunday school classes, trustees and church members for $750. Churchyard cleanup was on Sept. 17. We will soon be painting lines in the parking area. The Education Building air conditioner is broken. We got an estimate of $7,000 to replace the compressor. We plan to get more estimates and go to the congregation for donations if needed. One air conditioner in the Fellowship Hall is out again.

S/PRC: Sherry said the S/PRC is getting ready to do evaluations to be turned in on Nov. 22.

Finance: Lynn said we have open items from the last Finance meeting. We are moving $5,000 to $7,000 back to the discretionary fund. It was moved out of the fund when we had a critical need earlier this year, but at this point it is not needed and can be transferred back. Chab said he spoke with Linda, and she was okay to move back $5,000. She had thought she would need most of it, but it turned out she didn’t. This will leave us with $2,000 in our checking account with payroll. We can move the other $2,000 win a week or two.

Nelda questioned using the Discretionary Fund vs. the Emergency Fund. She said the Emergency Fund should be the first place that is drawn from, and it still has $10,000. She said Emergency funds are for emergencies like emergency repairs. The Discretionary Account is supposed to only be accessed with Finance Committee approval and then Church Council approval. Marcy will check on past minutes for wording.
Sherry made a motion to move $5,000 from the operating account to the Discretionary Fund.
Ed seconded.
Motion carries.

Lynn said we still need to go through our Policies and Procedures manual. Debbie said she went through the latest revision and made comments. Lynn said we can still promote at the Charge Conference that the manual is “in process.”
Chab asked if there was an apportionments amount on the balance sheet so we can have a goal for 2023 and can hopefully fulfill it early next year. Lynn said $3,000. It was suggested to put the amount received for apportionments in the bulletin each week. Michael suggested maybe once a month or quarterly, but not every week.

Gene reminded everyone that with a tropical storm looming, that if anyone needed use of the facility, we will be open as long as we have electricity and water.

Marcy presented a list of nominees for Lay Leaders for the 2023 year. Not all positions have been appointed, but nominations can be taken from the floor of the Charge Conference.

Michael Phillips made a motion to accept the nominees for 2023 Lay Leaders as presented.
Nelda seconded.
Motion carries.

Lynn announced we are having a holiday potluck and program on December 4. Sherry volunteered to coordinate the program after the worship service. Sherry announced we will have camp meetings on Sundays in January.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Davey seconded.
Meeting adjourns at 8:06 pm.
Pinopolis UMC Lay Leadership for 2023

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### Administrative Committees

#### Committee on Lay Leadership

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*Pastor is chair of committee.

Lay Leader is a member of committee. Cannot succeed oneself on CoLL.

*Class of 2023 have agreed to serve and are recommended for nomination from the floor.

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1/3 of Trustees should be women. Church Treasurer is a voting member.

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Must have 5 to 9 members. Lay Leader and Lay Delegate to Annual Conference are non-voting members of the committee. Church employees and employees’ family members are not to serve on S/PPRC.

#### Finance Committee

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At Large Members: Tommi Bender, Doris Leary
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Special Church Council Meeting  
Monday, October 10, 2022

Present: Gene Kodama, David & Ann Matthews, Davey & Sarah Hare, Chab & Debbie Clarke, Del Collins, Revonda Hardesty, Joan Wells, Gene & Sherry Villetopenteaux, Audrey & Ed Kennedy, C.T. & Becca Meree, Doris Leary, Brian Shepherd, Robin & Kit Austin, Tommi & Mike Bender, Lynn Smith, Dr. Sam Marcengill, Nancy Phillips, Fran Bunch, Michael & Gayle Phillips, Nelda Diegel, and Marcy Benton

Members: Ann Matthews, Davey Hare, Chab Clarke, Gene & Sherry Villepontiaux, Audrey & Ed Kennedy, C.T. Meree, Robin Austin, Lynn Smith, Dr. Sam Marcengill, Michael Phillips, Nelda Diegel and Marcy Benton

The meeting was called to order by Chab at 6:30 pm. Everyone recited The Lord’s Prayer. 

Del Collins opened the meeting in prayer.

Gene Kodama and his Task Force presented a report and investigation on their findings concerning discernment.

Gene said we are here because we love our church. We love God, family and our country. This Task Force was created by Church Council consisting of Gene Kodama, Del Collins, Revonda Hardesty and Debbie Clarke. They were asked to 1. Investigate conflict, 2. Report back their findings to the church, and 3. Assist in assessing the desires of the church.

A video was shown made by Trinity on the Hill church in August, Georgia.

Gene Kodama also referenced the website standingonscripture.org, the “Path Forward” petition for the Bishop, and the Trinity on the Hill website.

There was a question-and-answer session where the congregation asked the Task Force about more details.

Nelda made a motion that PUMC is aware of ongoing conflict and resolves to start a gracious exit plan before the end of 2022 if possible. 
Gene Villetopenteaux seconded.  
Motion carried with one abstain.

Chab closed the meeting with prayer. 

Ed made a motion to adjourn.  
Davey seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Sarah Hare, Lynn Smith, Ed & Audrey Kennedy, Michael Phillips, Georgie Ford, Donna Cabrera

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He read a devotion from Psalm 8.

Approval of Minutes:
Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 16, 2021, meeting. Lynn seconded. Minutes approved.

Trustees: Michael said the Capital Improvement project fund has around $8,500. Half of that is for carpet and around $2,000 is for the back ramp. Those jobs will be done by outside people.

Our workday went fairly well. The Boy Scouts showed up and were a big help. The buildings have been pressure washed. The lawn man will cut back to every two weeks until the end of November and then assess. The arrows in the parking lot will be repainted, but a date has not been set.

Finance: Lynn said at the last meeting, there were changes to the pastor’s salary and a few other things. They were approved at Charge Conference. Our funds this week are around $11,000, but we need to use caution because we are close to being in a Code Yellow, which is when we have a balance of $10,000.

Lynn said we put money in the budget for line items that covered AV equipment and computer equipment in a committee previously handled by Davey Hare and C.T. Meree. This new line item is for technology things. The chair of this committee can spend the money in this fund as needed.

Lynn made a motion to appoint Davey as chair of the Media & Technology committee. Ed seconded. Motion carries.

S/PRC: Ed said Patricia Whaley asked to be taken off of the committee because of her health. Pastor Barry recruited Fran Bunch to replace her.
Ed made a motion to replace Patricia Whaley with Fran Bunch on S/PRC. Audrey seconded. Motion carries.

Ed said S/PRC is currently working on evaluations and will have two meetings about a week apart.

Other: Sarah said last Sunday she found out the person responsible for children’s Sunday school expects for parents or grandparents to notify when they are coming. Two Sundays were missed when children were here for Sunday school but no one was present to teach. Lynn said Robin Austin will be resigning from this position at the end of the year, and Dorthy Lehman will take over for 2022. Chab suggested running this information by the pastor, and he will call Pastor Barry tomorrow to see if Dorthy can take over now. Sarah asked if Linda Collins is still in charge of Children’s Church. Michael asked if Linda agreed to do it for 2022.
**Streaming License:** Marcy said our music licensing company is stressing that we need a streaming license to legally sing songs over our Facebook Live videos. This will be $88 per year. This item can be paid with the approval of Davey in the Media and Technology department.

**Stewardship Campaign:** Lynn said a plan will be put in place this Sunday after church.

Lynn said he would like to see Wonderful Wednesdays supper and programs start back in hopes of increasing growth and outreach. Crunch Bunch met today with around 55 in attendance. Marcy said it is more than just a covered-dish meal – Bible studies and children’s activities will need to be planned. Chab said we will talk to the pastor and get his okay with putting it back in place. Sarah suggested shooting for starting back Jan. 5 or 12. Marcy said Linda Collins will need to be contacted, too.

Ed made a motion to start back with Wonderful Wednesdays on January 12, 2022.

Lynn seconded.

Motion carries.

Chab dismissed with a prayer.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.

Lynn seconded.

Meeting adjourned.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Linda O’Brien, Michael Phillips, Ed & Audrey Kennedy and Lynn Smith

Chab called the meeting to order at 11:09 am.

Lynn said action is needed by Church Council regarding items brought up at the Dec. 16, 2021, Finance Committee meeting. We would like to utilize discretionary funds and the emergency funds to cover the $13,000 in bills due by the end of the month/year. We have $3,700 in our checking account. Currently the Discretionary Fund has $14,000 and the Emergency Fund has $10,000. Depending on the amounts we receive after money is counted tomorrow, the exact amount to come out of these funds would be left to the discretion of the treasurer.

Linda made a motion that the treasurer be allowed to use money from the Discretionary Fund and Emergency Fund to cover our bills at the end of the month.
Audrey seconded.
Motion carries.

Lynn said for 2022, the Finance Committee proposes a new temporary fund called “Without Contributions to Apportionments” to enhance giving by those who do not wish to contribute to apportionments. He said we have plenty of money in funds but not in our operating account. It will be temporary because of the General Conference meeting in August.

Linda made a motion to set up a new temporary fund called “Without Contributions to Apportionments.”
Audrey seconded.
Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Present: Chab Clarke, Marcy Benton, Lynn Smith, Nelda Diegel, Davey Hare, Ed Kennedy, Audrey Kennedy, Revonda Hardesty, Gene Villeponteaux, Sherry Villeponteaux, Linda O’Brien, Michael Phillips, Gene Kodama, and Doris Leary.

Chab called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. He read John 5:16-30 and Jude 8:17-25

Gene Villeponteaux made a motion to accept minutes from the Church Council meetings on September 27 and on October 10, 2022, with the correction to the September minutes under Lay Leadership: take out “Pastor Sam has turned everything over to Lynn Smith with the Nominating Committee.” Davey seconded as corrected.
Minutes passed.

As Lay Leader, Davey presented three new representatives for Lay Leadership.
1. Hunter Maggard on Trustees, to replace Don Jones in class 2024. Votes were unanimously in favor.
2. Nelda Diegel as Church Council Chair. Votes were unanimously in favor.
3. Gene Villeponteaux as Church Treasurer, to replace Linda O’Brien. Votes were 10-2 in favor.

Control of the meeting was turned over to Nelda as the new chair.

Gene Villeponteaux presented the following resolution and made a motion to accept it. The resolution states:

Whereas, the UMC South Carolina Conference leaders published a “Local Church Discernment Process” in December 2022 to help local churches determine if they desired to retain their affiliation with the UMC or separate from it,

Whereas, this process was published after PUMC had completed a “Gracious Exit” (Disaffiliation) Discernment Process in December 2022,

Whereas, the Conference’s “Local Church Discernment Process” states that a church would be required to complete “a 30-day discernment process” prior to holding a church conference and a vote on the disaffiliation/separation question,

The PUMC Administrative Council resolves to have its Organizational Task Force lead PUMC in an additional 30 days of discernment from January 24, 2023, to February 22, 2023, to ensure that the church meets this requirement.

Ed seconded.
Resolution accepted.

The next Church Council meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 2, at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – January 26

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

- Nominations Committee – Disaster Coordinator
- Task Force on potential UMC Separation Update
- Lay Leadership
- Trustees
- Finance
- Staff/Pastor Relations

OTHER REPORTS/ISSUES

NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURN
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council  
Thursday, February 2, 2023

Members Present: Nelda Diegel, Marcy Benton, Revonda Hardesty, Lynn Smith, Chab Clarke, Davey Hare, Michael Phillips, Gene Villeponteaux, and Sherry Villeponteaux

Others Present: Donna Cabrera, Joan Wells, Linda Smith, Gene Kodama, Debbie Clarke, and Sarah Hare

The meeting was called to order by Nelda at 6:30 pm. She thanked Chab for her service as previous Church Council chair and read from Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28 and from the Church Council booklet.

Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2023, meeting.
Davey seconded.
Minutes approved.

Nominations Committee: Davey made a motion to name Del Collins as the new Disaster Relief Coordinator.
Revonda seconded.
Motion carried.

Task Force: Gene K. and the Task Force presented a PowerPoint that included:
1. A Task Force activity update
2. Should we remain in the United Methodist Church or separate? Options for both agreement and lawsuit exits were discussed.
3. Legal Council – NCLL is a group of attorneys out of Florida that require a $1,000 retainer per year.
4. Appraisal – Ten percent of appraised value is required to separate. An appraiser was found who can do the job for $3,100. The appraisal has to be done by the end of February in order for us to meet the March 1 deadline.
5. Voting and Membership Roll – Marcy, Tommi Bender and their committee have been working on updating our membership roll. It was recommended that we take a “straw vote” before the actual vote to see in which direction most members are leaning. This will be done in mid-February.
6. Church Conference – Since we have completed the required discernment period, Nelda has asked the District Superintendent to schedule a Church Conference for our final vote.

Nelda said members have to be given a 10-day notice before a church conference. We have until May 31 to come up with the money. We can get a loan from a traditional lender or from members of the church, or from one of the mega churches that are making loans to smaller churches. If we vote to separate, it should all be done by June. Then the members will own the church. Our estimated cost will be our apportionments balance from 2022 and 1.5 times our apportionments for 2023, plus 10 percent of our liquid assets. We can vote tonight to continue down this separation road. If we vote no, it stops here. If we vote yes, we will continue to pursue to meet the March 1 deadline.

Lynn asked if we have the option to delay. Nelda answered yes, but we don’t know what will be in place next year.
Sherry made a motion to vote tonight to continue pursuing separation from the United Methodist Church.
Davey seconded.
7-Yay, 0-No
Motion carries.

Michael made a motion to approve spending $3,100 on the appraisal and $1,000 for attorneys fees.
Davey seconded.
6-Yay, 1-No, 1

Gene K. suggested when we hold a straw vote that we make it an informational meeting as well. The date for this will be Feb. 12 after worship service. We are waiting on the District Superintendent to give us a Church Conference date to take the final vote.

**Lay Leadership:** No report.

**Trustees:** Michael said air conditioner repairs are on hold temporarily. Needed repairs will be brought to the attention of the appraiser.

**Finance:** Lynn said the 2023 budget was not approved with pastor benefits and salary. This will be fixed. The new treasurer, Gene V., got training today.

**S/PRC:** No report.

Davey made a motion to adjourn.
Sherry seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.
Pinopolis United Methodist Church  
Church Council  
Thursday, February 16, 2023

Members Present: Gene Villeponteaux, Sherry Villeponteaux, Revonda Hardesty, Marcy Benton, Nelda Diegel, Chab Clarke, Del Collins, Davey Hare, Audrey & Ed Kennedy, C.T. Meree, and Michael Phillips

Others Present: Sarah Hare, Debbie Clarke, and Becca Meree

Nelda called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She read from 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Proverbs 3:5-7.

This meeting is to discuss what needs to be done between now and our Church Conference.

Debbie Clarke provided the results of the appraisal which came in at $750,000. Nelda said this would make our estimated cost to separate about $151,458, including appraisal and attorneys fees. She said “moving to separate” is our focus based on our straw vote results. There was concern about the costs but with the appraisal lower than anticipated that number is much more reasonable. A member spoke with her and will give the church an interest-free loan if we go independent.

C.T made a motion to hold our Church Conference on Monday, February 27, 2023.
Sherry seconded.
Motion carried.

Signers need to be appointed for the agreement to separate. Del made a motion to for signers from PUMC to be Davey and Revonda*, and for new entity signers to be Nelda and Michael.
C.T. seconded.
Motion carried.

Nelda will send a thumb drive to Beth Westbury to give her the appraisal report along with statement from mortgage, copies of the deed (Sherry is to get copies from the courthouse), church financial statements, bank reconciliations from January and February 2023, and any leases, as required on the Separation Checklist. Currently we have a lease on the copy machine, and Marcy will give Nelda a copy of the paperwork tonight.

By March 10, we need to provide a copy of our current insurance policies and historical coverage. Sherry is working with our agent to obtain the required documentation.

Marcy will send an email tonight about the Church Conference on February 27 to all church members with an active email address. Revonda will mail letters to all other households on our membership list.

Ed made a motion to adjourn.
Davey seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

*Trustees for PUMC were required to sign: Michael Phillips and Billy Ford signed document at the Called Church Conference.

Others Present: Donna Cabrera, Joan Wells, Becca Meree, Dr. Jerry Yaden, Lynn Yaden, Gene Kodama, Sarah Hare, and Georgie Ford.

Nelda called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Del opened with prayer and a devotion.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the February 2 and 16 meetings were presented for approval. Nelda pointed out a footnote on the bottom of the minutes from Feb. 16 stating that Trustees were required to sign the documents when we had the Called Church Conference. This was different than what we discussed in the meeting, but Billy Ford and Michael Phillips signed as was required by the district superintendent.

Lynn Smith made a motion to accept minutes from Feb. 2.
Ed seconded.
Minutes approved.

Michael made a motion to accept the minutes from Feb. 16.
Gene V. seconded.
Minutes approved.

Separation Process
A worksheet was presented with a timeline for things that need to be done for the separation process. Sherry said the insurance requirement is due tomorrow. She has a letter from Church Mutual stating why we are unable to meet the requirement, and that they offered an alternate insurance compliance method.

Nelda said our first step in separation is to pick a name. Robin Austin and Becca Meree will head up this process. We will accept suggested names next Sunday and vote on them the following week. Nelda had asked our attorney if we could use the word “Methodist” in our name. The attorney said yes, but we could not use “United” with “Methodist.”

Nelda asked Gene K. if he got documents from NCLL for the new entity because he is the person on record. Gene K. said he was the initial contact, but now it should be Nelda since she is the council chair and Gene K. is not on council.

Gene K. said Debbie Clarke has said we have a wide variety of possibilities for obtaining enough money to fulfill our financial obligation with separation, such as a traditional bank loan, loan from individuals, larger churches helping smaller churches, and individuals helping the church through donations that would reduce the loan amount. Nelda asked about establishing a fund on the balance sheet as a place to
park money that would not be due until May. Our attorney recommended we be independent for a while.

Nelda said Friendship Church wanted to collaborate with individuals here at Pinopolis UMC about the separation process where we can get together and talk options together, along with Cypress, Tabor and Trinity churches in Ridgeville. Gene V. said he will serve on this, but he does have his hands full at the moment.

Logo: Trustees need to look at removing anything that has the Methodist cross and flame logo on it. We can still use our hymnals after separation. Nelda said we need a new logo to replace the Methodist cross and flame. We need a written cemetery policy. Michael said Trustees has a copy of that and will get it to Nelda.

Safe Sanctuary: Nelda said we need to bring our current insurance to compliance. Our safe current Safe Sanctuary policy does not comply with South Carolina law. Revonda said she will work with Lynn Yaden on this.

Gene K. said Revonda has not started the scanning process, but that she and Del will start next week.

**Reports to Council**

**Nominations Committee:** No report.

**Lay Leadership:** No report.

**Trustees:** Michael said Trustees had no meeting last month. They will meet this coming Tuesday to discuss a workday on April 1.

**Finance:** Lynn said our latest budget was approved Thursday, Feb. 9, by the Finance Committee. This corrects the total with S/PRC Clergy, making our 2023 budget $178,887 total. Electronic copies were sent out. Our budget last year was $211,000, and this significant difference is from pastor’s expenses adjustment and no conference apportionments in the budget. The internal audit is due to the district office by the end of March. Gene V. said we currently have $16,496 in checking, and the Money Market account has $133,458. Nelda questioned why emergency funds had a zero balance. Gene V. said he would look into that. Lynn questioned the order of which to use first if the operational account is low: emergency funds or discrepancy funds. Nelda said discrepancy funds need approval by council. Spending of emergency funds does not need approval from council.

**S/PRC:** No report

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Davey seconded.
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| Income Categories Total               | **144,209.66** | **7,928.66** | **-3,289.60** | **148,848.72** |
# Treasurer's Report 2023

**Annual Budget = $178,887.00**

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## EXPENSE CATEGORIES

### Nurture
- **Music & Choir Ministry**: 1,000.00 - 0.00 - 150.00 850.00
- **Children's Ministry**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Upper Room**: 200.00 0.00 - 51.33 148.67
- **Worship Supplies**: 1,000.00 -22.12 0.00 977.88
- **Gifts for Graduates**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Sunday School and Bible Studies**: 500.00 0.00 0.00
- **Vacation Bible School**: 500.00 0.00 0.00
- **Youth Ministries**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Church Décor**: 200.00 0.00 0.00

**Total Nurture**: 3,400.00 - 22.12 - 201.33 3,176.55

### Outreach and Witness
- **College Ministry**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Run for Thanks**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Scouting**: 450.00 0.00 - 450.00 0.00
- **Native American Ministry**: 500.00 -150.00 0.00 350.00
- **Evangelism**: 500.00 0.00 0.00
- **Missions (US)**: 0.00 0.00 0.00
- **Disaster Relief**: 0.00 0.00 0.00

**Total Outreach and Witness**: 1,450.00 - 150.00 - 450.00 850.00

### Other Expenses
- **In and Out**: 0.00 1,074.00 - 720.00 354.00
- **Annual Conference Lay Delegate**: 750.00 0.00 0.00
- **Copier Expense**: 4,000.00 -319.56 0.00 3,680.44
- **Kitchen Expenses**: 0.00 0.00 -146.86 -146.86
- **ChurchTrac & Payroll**: 1,000.00 -94.57 -215.50 847.44
- **Audiovisuals/Computers**: 600.00 -299.76 0.00
- **Office Supplies**: 1,800.00 0.00 -102.56 1,697.44
- **Postage**: 500.00 0.00 -60.00 440.00

**Total Other Expenses**: 8,650.00 360.11 -1,739.49 7,270.62

### Trustees
- **Bus Expenses**: 2,500.00 0.00 - 314.25 2,185.75
- **County Fees**: 2,400.00 -2,162.00 0.00
- **Custodial Services and Expenses**: 14,000.00 -1,000.00 0.00
- **Grounds Maintenance**: 2,500.00 0.00 0.00
- **Property Insurance**: 10,800.00 -887.15 9,912.85
- **Repairs and Maintenance**: 3,500.00 0.00 0.00
- **Telephone/Internet/Cable**: 3,000.00 -203.82 2,796.18
- **Utilities**: 17,500.00 -838.71 16,661.29

**Total Trustees**: 56,200.00 -5,091.68 -3,007.30 48,101.02

### SPRC/Church Staff
- **Church Secretary**: 16,000.00 -1,436.85 -1,251.45 13,311.70
- **FICA (ER OASDI & Medicare)**: 3,705.00 -235.70 -218.72 3,250.58
- **Music Director**: 17,520.00 -1,460.00 -1,460.00 14,600.00
- **Nursery Teacher**: 2,212.00 -184.38 -147.50 1,864.00
- **Workers Comp Insurance**: 850.00 0.00 14.00
- **Youth Director**: 0.00 0.00 0.00

**Total Church Staff**: 40,287.00 -3,316.93 -3,063.67 33,906.40

## Conference Apportionments

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*The above table provides a detailed breakdown of the budget highlights.*
| Apportionments: | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                  | 0.00 | 0.00 | -100.00 | -100.00 |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Black College    |                  |                  |                  | |
| Fund            |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Camps/Retreats  |                  |                  |                  | |
| Ministry        |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Campus Ministry |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Conference      |                  |                  |                  | |
| Administration  |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Conference      |                  |                  |                  | |
| Benevolences    |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Congregational  |                  |                  |                  | |
| Development     |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| District        |                  |                  |                  | |
| Administration  |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| District        |                  |                  |                  | |
| Parsonage/Office|                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| District        |                  |                  |                  | |
| Superintendents |                  |                  |                  | |
| Compensation    |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Episcopal       |                  |                  |                  | |
| Fund            |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Equitable       |                  |                  |                  | |
| Compensation    |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| General         |                  |                  |                  | |
| Conf Admin      |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Interdenominational |          |                  |                  | |
| Cooperation     |                  |                  |                  | |
| Fund            |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Jurisdiction     |                  |                  |                  | |
| Mission Ministry|                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Methodist Homes |                  |                  |                  | |
| Residents       |                  |                  |                  | |
| Assistance      |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Ministerial     |                  |                  |                  | |
| Education       |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Retiree Health |                  |                  |                  | |
| Insurance/Grants|                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Senior College  |                  |                  |                  | |
| Scholarships    |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Spartanburg     |                  |                  |                  | |
| Methodist       |                  |                  |                  | |
| College         |                  |                  |                  | |
| Apportionments:  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| World Service   |                  |                  |                  | |
| Total Conference Apportionments | 0.00 | 0.00 | -100.00 | -100.00 |

**SPRC/Clergy Support**

| SPRC/Clergy Support: | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| A - Pastor’s Base Salary | 47,000.00 | -4,166.67 | -3,916.67 | 38,916.66 |
| Account Reimbursable | 900.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 900.00 |
| Account Reimbursable-Continuing Education | 750.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Account Reimbursable-Annual Conference | 450.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 |
| SC Conference | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| D - Parsonage Exclusion | 3,000.00 | -250.00 | -250.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Housing Allowance | 16,800.00 | -1,400.00 | -1,400.00 | 14,000.00 |
| Total Clergy Support | 68,900.00 | -5,816.67 | -5,566.67 | 57,516.66 |

**Totals**

|          | 178,887.00 | -14,037.29 | -14,128.46 | 150,721.25 |