

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

May 18, 2022

PRESENT: Amanda Gustafson, Thaine Hopkins, Larry Perkins, Julie Potter, Pastor Deb Parkison, Autumm Brazel, Dr. Dwight Van Genderen, Angie Christenson, Kaye Van Genderen and Jean Murray.

Doc called the meeting to order, and Pastor Deb opened with prayer. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and were approved as written.

The following reports were presented:

Trustees: Pastor Deb reported that she had talked to some members of this committee about taking out the dead bushes at the parsonage. They have done this, and will be replacing them. Thaine reported that the pest control people have been here.

Staff Parish: Amanda Gustafson reported that Jean Murray will be filling the pulpit on June 5 while Pastor Deb is at Annual Conference. Pastor Deb is planning on taking a vacation from June 9 through June 19. Melanie Hauser, Chaplain at Buena Vista University, will be preaching in both Varina and Laurens on June 12. Pastor Deb will be back on June 19. Since Pastor Deb will be gone on Sunday, June 5, she's going to have Communion on May 29. When she returns, she'll be starting a sermon series entitled The Gospel According to Dr. Seuess.

Missions: Amanda Gustafson reported that Father's Day giving for tools is coming up.

Worship: Autumm Brazel reported that accompanists are lined up through July. Confirmation and Graduation coffees were served, and gifts were purchased for the kids involved. A bag of kisses was handed out to the mothers on Mother's Day. A couple of concerns have been brought to her attention. There seems to be a problem with echoes or sound in parts of the church-do we need to look into some soundproofing? Pastor Deb reported that she has spoken with someone from Carey's in Spencer about what to do. They will take a look, and give an estimate. They will also be giving an estimate on replacing the earpieces. The second concern is if it would be possible to print the words to the choir songs being sung. Discussion was held on this. A gospel group is lined up to sing Sunday, July 10 at 4 p.m. during the summer celebration. An ecumenical service will be held that morning in our church.

Christian Education: Autumm Brazel reported that Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for ages 4 years old through 5th grade. It will be held at our church.

Youth: Angie Christenson reported that she asked Hometown Pride if they could do a clean up day on June 5. She is planning on holding a meeting on June 8 at 6 p.m. for the group going on the mission trip. Pastor Deb is planning on having Stockholder Certificates for the mission trip to raise money for the trip. Sometime after the kids return on August 21, there will be a Stockholders' meal to thank everyone for their support.

Memorials: Kaye Van Genderen reported that memorials have been received for Doris Sobotka, Bob Busse and Joyce Rigby. The new gutters in the courtyard will come out of the Memorial fund.

United Methodist Women: Julie Potter reported that they canceled their May meeting because of the two funerals held on that day. They will be meeting in June, and then will be taking the summer off. She was approached about having a booth in Havelock during RAGBRAI. The group will be passing through Havelock on July 26. Discussion was held, and it was decided not to have a booth during RAGBRAI.

Endowment: Doc Van Genderen reported that the Siddall endowment fund is down approximately \$12,000. \$1000 was donated to Chuck Crain.

Communications: Autumm Brazel presented the new Pocahontas County Visitors' Guide, in which our church has an ad. She has looked into doing another pictorial directory with Life Touch, and they are no longer doing these. Discussion was held on what to do.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Deb reported that she is planning on presenting Christmas in July on July 17 with Sweet Harmony being here. This will be a joint service with Varina. Sweet Harmony will be presenting the whole worship service. Then on July 24, she will be at her daughter Jessie's church, where they will be presenting their Christmas in July program. She's received complaints on the activity in the Fellowship Hall during worship services. Discussion was held on this. The griddle is here and needs to be put together. She's planning on purchasing 2 magnetic signs for her pickup advertising our church, to be used in parades. She's planning on having an entry for the parade during the Laurens Summer Celebration.

Treasurer and Finance: Thaine Hopkins presented the April Operating Statement. He expressed concerns as to the amount of money coming in, and the amount of money going out.

Autumm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pastor Deb.

Administrative Council Secretary,

Jean Murray