**HUNTERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (HUMC)**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Guidance Council (CGC)

April 2, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am, John McCann presiding. Present: Steve Gilbert, Addria Capps, D. K. Iannarino, Wanda Kerns, Lucas DeVore, Rick Finger, Jerry Kita, Rod Arters, Rev. Paul Thompson, Chris Smith, Dwight Little, Betsy Burnell, Natasha Stracener and Jeanie Welch.
2. John McCann gave a spiritual formation statement on his recent trip to Israel.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.
4. Wanda Kerns gave an update on Loaves and Fishes moving back to a client choice model with clients coming into the building to select their items. The logistics of this move were discussed. They have served 418 families. Discussion followed. John will follow up with Wanda as to her expressed concern about the listing of Loaves and Fishes in the HUMC list of missions.
5. Pastor’s report—Pastor Paul gave the following report:
   1. The formation of work teams has started with sign-up sheets in the lobby on more Sundays. Discussion followed; Rod Arters distributing lists of the following mission groups: community outreach, congregational care, student ministry and sports ministry.
   2. The Easter Eggstravaganza was a success; Kim Trull did an excellent job.
   3. Unity worship service—John mentioned the impact of the 10 am service on Sunday school and adult education. Discussion followed, including Rick Finger suggesting having a discussion on the types of worship; Pastor Paul suggested having Sunday school starting a 9 am on unity Sundays.
   4. CGC participation at community events—Pastor Paul thanked all CGC members who participated in the Eggstravaganza and helped to clean up.
   5. Lighthouse churches—UMC churches have until May 2024 to decide whether to stay in the UMC or disaffiliate. Discussion followed, including not advertising the fact that we would be a lighthouse church; Mt. Zion UMC has advertised that it is staying in the UMC.
6. Associate Pastor’s report:
   1. Rod presented statistics on the new members class for the first quarter of 2023; a new connect luncheon and new members class will start this month; attendance by members of the CGC would be beneficial; he also distributed statistics on first-time guests, the new members class, new members, big events and pickleball.
   2. Security issues were discussed. Pastor Paul suggested that HUMC have armed security on Wednesdays and Sundays, that a security analysis be done; he will give the CGC a cost estimate; Matt Urps was mentioned as a source; Natasha Stracener suggested security for the Preschool.
7. The HVAC system was discussed. Beth met with the contractor and is moving ahead on a bid of between $75,000-$85,000. It can be installed in 12 weeks.
8. HUMC land—Jerry Kita reported on preparations for presentations to the congregation, starting on the week of April 17; discussion followed.
9. Rebranding HUMC—Lucas DeVore gave a presentation on rebranding HUMC, including a new logo, what makes a brand, redoing all HUMC media, starting on May 1. This will include all social media, interior signage, the website and the bulletin, new colors in shades of blue. Discussion followed, including having hands in the logo, coordination with vision and mission statement, and a members’ roster on the website. Lucas will come to future CGC meetings with updates.
10. Communication with the congregation was discussed. John discussed videos about the CGC. Lucas stated that they should be no more than 2 minutes long. Jerry Kita discussed CGC emails through Slack.
11. Parked items:
    1. Pastor Paul stated that the SPRC is scheduled to meet on Sunday, May 1 for evaluations of Pastor Paul and Rod.
    2. John discussed CGC guiding principles.
    3. Pastor Paul reported that the Lay Leadership Nominations Committee has a nomination for vice-chair of the CGC; the nominee will be announced in the fall.
12. New business:
    1. Rick Finger suggested rearranging the missions lists to ensure that responsibilities are fairly distributed regarding staff assignments.
    2. John thanked the Lay Leadership Nominations Committee for their service and stated that we are waiting for the teams to be filled.
13. The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 7 at 1 pm; Beth will be invited.
14. Steve Gilbert led the closing prayer.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanie Welch, Secretary