

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (On Zoom + in person)
July 24, 2024

Members present: **Phil Garwood (chairman), Pastor Mauren Julian, Patsy Tessier, Pat McKee, Jaye Trimm, Kay Gregory, Cheryl Ramsay, Vicki Record, Kitty Cogley, Heather Brown, Rusty Greenleaf and Connie Greenleaf**

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Opening prayer.

The Secretary's report from May 29, 2024 was reviewed and a motion made to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Ministry Reports:

Trustees: Rusty reported that he is continuing to work with Verizon on payment. The problem now appears to be their inability to recognize the church address. The lease stated that payments should have started January 1, 2024, but no payments have been received. Pastor Angela recommends having them stop work until payment is made.

_ ** There was a motion to notify Verizon to cease progress on the steeple until the financial situation is resolved. This was seconded and approved.

Phil asked that the car parked in the church lot have a note placed on it asking for it to be moved. Rusty will do this.

Sunday School/Bible Study: No report

Community Suppers: The August supper will be organized by The Choir. Attendance has been low.

Camp Scholarships: Kay requested we discuss scholarships to Camp Mechuwana. The cost has gone up over the years. There are some children interested in attending.

** There was a motion made to approve up to \$100 for overnight camp and \$75 for day camp for three children. The funds would be taken from the Trustee John Hicks fund or the Memorial Fund. This was seconded and approved.

Parish Council Report: There will be an all parish join worship service August 25th at Mill Park in Augusta. The \$75 fee for using Mill Park as well as all other expenses has been paid by the Hebrews 11 grant. Each church will bring water. School supplies will be collected. Needed: step ladders to reach electrical outlets.

On August 17 there will be a Retreat held at East Pittston church. All are invited. There will be a worship service and group discussions. Please bring your own lunch.

One of the churches has a process for Benevolence we could adopt. Pat has a copy of it. The Council is considering churches help each other cover Benevolence requests. They are looking for ideas and to share information.

Conversation should be started regarding the joining of SPRC. Pat had a handout that reviews the functions of SPRC. They look at issues and make recommendations to the local church – they don't dictate. Ann Carter (Cox Memorial) would be chairman of SPRC. Please start thinking about this. A vote will be done at

the Charge Conference. If you have any questions or discussions go to Pat, Patsy, or either Pastor. There would be two people from each church on the committee. This will be discussed with the congregation also.

SPRC: No report.

UM Men: There will be no meeting until September.

United Women of Faith: They are hoping meetings will start in September.

Worship Committee: No new information.

Caring Team: The Caring Team has not met this summer. They continue to carry out Sandy's mission of entertaining. The schedule is on the Parish Calendar.

Pastors Report: The Pastors went on a retreat for a week to make plans for the future and plan sermons. They also did an evaluation for the past year. This will be shared at the all church retreat 8/17.

The weekly Devotions will continue through August. Pastor Mauren will cover for Pastor Angela when she goes on Sabbatical September and October.

The pastors will each do a video message to be used as a backup sermon in case of bad weather.

Pastor Angela will be conducting a three session class for new members or others who are interested.

For the joint service – the churches are hoping to get new tee shirts.

Benevolence: There is \$264.13 currently in the Benevolence Fund.

** There was a motion made to move \$1000 from the Robinson Fund to the Benevolence Fund. This was seconded and approved.

Stewardship & Finance: Pat reported that the oil bill has been paid for this year.

There is a current balance of \$14,223.14 in the Memorial Fund

The General Fund checkbook has a balance of \$6,451.58 as of today.

Old Business:

1. **Removal of Front Pew:** No new information as the Trustees have not met.
2. **Emergency Planning:** Phil is working on getting signage in each room to show building exits. Also, Phil purchased a large First Aid kit for the kitchen and signs showing "stairs." Additionally, he is planning on doing training to the congregation on safety issues.

New Business:

1. **Camp Mechuwana:** Covered previously

Next meeting dates: October 23, 2024