



HUNTERSVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Church Guidance Council

April 14, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm, Jackie Benjamin presiding. Attendees: Steve Gilbert, Charmaine Stokes, Addria Capps, Rick Finger, Jessica Bowles, Natasha Stracener, Rhonda Hawkins, Chris Smith, Krista Sipe, Jerry Kita, Joe Smith, Rev. Rod Arters, and Rev. Paul Thompson. Guests: Lucas DeVore (Technical Director) Peggy Wilson (Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee representative, and Jeanie Welch, secretary.
2. Lucas DeVore reported on rebranding. So far \$1,000 has been spent on this project. He showed a video which will be shown to the congregation and discussed updating the website. Charmaine Stokes inquired about maintaining the website with a work team. Questions and discussion followed, including the fact that the CGC will be given a brand book.
3. Spiritual formation—Pastor Paul discussed what the the post-Easter church should look like. Discussion followed.
4. Several prayer concerns were raised.
5. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.
6. Quick topics—Pastor Paul reported on the following:
 - a. There will be a guest preacher on April 28;
 - b. A fundraiser for August or September was discussed;
 - c. Jackie Benjamin asked for comments on the pastor's report (previously distributed) and praised the staff for the rebranding project; Chris Smith commented on the "buddy system" for the CGC and staff.
7. Property utilization update—Jerry Kita reported on the following:
 - a. Status with Wesley Development Corp.—Ridgecare has withdrawn its proposal for senior housing. CGC requested that Pastor Paul meet with Wesley to officially end our relationship with them.
 - b. Pastor Paul reported on a discussion with David Dial of Facet Development and reported on the interest of Pavilion and Shepherd as to building housing for the mentally disabled; discussed the fact that we may have to put out and RFP. He circulated a previous proposal from Facet. Discussion followed, including going back to the drawing board to determine a partner to go forward;
 - c. The coffee shop was discussed. It was determined that Avalanche Coffee would require a refurbishing of the Fellowship Hall in order to move in; it was decided to ask if the Avalanche Coffee truck could come every day to the church property and move the truck to comply with city ordinances;
 - d. Jackie Benjamin stated that the CGC must get information from Facet; it will take four meetings to decide on a plan, we will have an initial Zoom meeting with David Dial to ask questions before deciding to move forward;
 - e. A new land/property use committee will be needed to provide purpose and leadership; some members of the present committee may wish to continue; Rick

Finger suggested having a one- to two-page document to summarize the present status;

- f. Pastor Paul stated that he will pray every day at 11:10 am concerning land use and urged members of the CGC to pray as well.
8. The CGC went into executive session.
9. Pastor Paul gave the closing prayer.
10. The next meeting will be on May 5 at 11:30 am.