**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AD. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 13, 2018**

Call to order 7:18 PM by Dale Wuttke. Members present: Dale Wuttke, Pastor McBride, Howie Reynolds, Betty Rader, Shane Griffin, Audrey Wuttke, Nicci Peterson, Raina Remeeus, Tom Ostrander, John Henderson

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Correction to June minutes of membership number from 118 to 117. Shane motion to approve June minutes, Tom 2nd, passed.

**Finance:** General Fund $9,227. Capital Imp. $1,108. Endowment Fund at $10,185 and Ed. Jones at $47, 285. UMF at $166,030.34 and Missions at $217,187.16. Finances at this point will be at roughly $25,000 to get church through next year, which will not be enough. Betty says she could potentially cut $7500 in utilities from budget, however our insurance has increased. May thru Dec. apportionment of $15,000 still due. SPRC will be asked to have meeting to discuss staff budget. Options to revitalize church were suggested including sharing a pastor with another church or merging with another church. Also increasing membership with new outreach ideas.

**Trustees:** Howie says we are keeping up with continuing repairs with our air conditioners in the sanctuary. Dale says he will treat the weeds around the church to avoid potential mice nesting in the Fall and Winter.

**Youth:** 11 Vendors for the Craft Fair so far. Nicci planning for Rally Day. Sunday School focus will be on the 10 Commandments and Science Bible Labs will continue as its very popular. Looking for new Christian videos to show that are not Veggie Tales or the other usual. Decided to not have regular 3rd Sunday youth choir and instead schedule Special Music when the kids choose to sing.

**Mission/Membership:** Cathy Henderson reaffirmed her membership. New Beginnings shelter for Women continues for 3rd quarter Coins. The food pantry collection for August is Pork n Beans, September is Salt n Pepper. $900 to Social worker at Hope Now. Last meeting was on July 30th. $4600 in account. Designated money for matching funds for Paul Webster was $264.50 as well as to Ag. Center. Gave twenty $10 gas cards to Pastor to distribute. Yarns to Go received $75 for shipping costs and yarn. $200 to Church World Services and $200 to Walworth Co. Homeless Shelter as well as $100 to the Elkhorn Youth Center. $3600 remains. Payment to Hope Now, Inc. is due in August. School supply donations were good. Also included 2 bags of donations collected by our Youth Group.

**Local Ministries:** Tom says good list of people coming to Sept. 16 planning meeting. Agreed to reach out to local Methodist churches for meeting about financial circumstances and ideas to improve membership and outreach. Includes Delavan, Bethel, Spring Prairie, LaGrange and East Troy. Conclusions of this meeting will be discussed on Sept. 16 with congregation as well as other suggestions for moving forward. Shane moved to initiate plan, Raina 2nd, motion passed. Tom will mail out an agenda for the meeting. $6,600 in account. Last donation was to Tree House for $250.

**UMW:** Betty says next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18th and United Methodist Women’s Sunday is September 30th.

**Lay Leader:** Dale reported next Community Meal is August 25 at 4PM.

**Pastor’s Report:** Stewardship Campaign starts October 29th. Stewardship Sunday is November 18th. “Moving Forward by Faith” is the theme. New superintendent Forrest Wells will be choosing our Charge Conference date. Betty reminded us to include Capital Imp. option on pledge card. Pastor will provide survey results of our area Methodist churches on website before Planning meeting.

Shane moved to adjourn. Raina 2nd. Meeting adjourned by Dale at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raina Remeeus, Finance Secretary

Next Ad. Council meeting September 10th.

Next Finance meeting December 10th.