

First Methodist Church Church Council Meeting

May 24, 2023

The Church Council of the First Methodist Church met on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 7:00pm. Members present were Dykeman Baily, Claudia Beamon, John Civils, Mary Day, Larry Hughes, Alan Leary, Parker Morris, Sandra Norris, Fletcher Poulk, Pastor Powell, Dan Wade, Patrick Whaley, and Sarah Williams.

Pastor Powell opened the meeting in prayer and Fletcher Poulk presented a devotional. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting. It was seconded and all agreed.

Finance Committee: Pastor Powell

- Pastor Powell reviewed the March 2023 financial report.
 - The church is still in the process of converting their bookkeeping system to Quickbooks. ●
- There were 19 scholarship applications. A motion was made to add \$10,000 to the scholarship fund. It was seconded and all were in favor.
- A request was made by Wil Bailey for funds for feeding care at their childcare center. A motion was made to give \$12,000 from abundance. It was seconded and all were in favor.

Trustees: Dykeman Baily

- The new church van should be here by the end of June.
- The Arendell parking lot repair is still being considered.
- There are ongoing HVAC repairs.

Staff Parish: Parker Morris

- The committee is considering a staff appreciation day.
- Lisa Kittrell is serving as interim ELC director and is doing a great job. The school just hired three new teachers so they are now fully staffed.

Worship: Larry Hughes

- Pentecost is Sunday, May 28.
- September 10 is the Service of One at 10:30 am at West Carteret High School auditorium. Lunch will be served after the service.

Sarah Williams

- High school 11th and 12th grade are meeting at Chicfilet on Thursdays at 7:00 am.
- There are 73 kids signed up to participate in Project MHC. They will be working on 10 jobsites.
- There are 18 signed up for the Costa Rica mission trip.
- Two youth are being confirmed this Sunday. The youth are working at their own pace so they are finishing confirmation at different times.

Pastor Powell:

- The new food truck is going to two homeless camps in June.
- The visitor/new member ratio is larger than ever.
- A second contemporary service is under consideration.
- The church is continuing to work on campus safety.

Sarah Williams closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting will be June 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Norris