

**Minutes for January 4, 2022
CCUMC Council Meeting**

UMC Mission : Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ.

CCUMC Mission: To be a Bible-centered community, sharing the Word and our love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors. We envision ourselves as a spiritual hub for the community, growing in faith, sending out disciples, and living our faith in the world.

Attending by ZOOM: Keith and Nancy Luscombe, Pastor John Lucy, Martha Burbridge, Marsha Mason, Kevin Hunt, Garnet Olson, Hannah Darling

Keith Luscombe called the meeting to order at 6:45.

Opening Devotions: Nancy Luscombe read a paragraph about a dad talking to his son comparing God to an airplane. When the airplane is high in the sky it looks little but when you are close it is huge. Dad explained that God's size depends on how close or far from God. The closer you are to God the greater and greater God will be in your life.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Martha to accept the minutes from the Dec. 7 meeting as printed. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Marsha and seconded by Garnet to accept the minutes from the Dec. 22 special meeting to specifically deal with the BSA bankruptcy agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports were sent out ahead of the meeting.
Reports and Updates given at the meeting:

Pastor's Report: Pastor John's report was included in the packet. He did ask us to pray about the upcoming church's visioning and human sexuality discussions.

Lay Leader: Kevin and Pastor John met earlier today in preparation for the discussions on Human Sexuality and the vision of the church to start later this month.

Right Start: Reports from Marilyn Gerrard and Robin McFee were reviewed. They provided us with the statistics we asked for. We will keep the current church COVID Plan in place, especially since there is a new variant that no one seems to know just how powerful it is yet. Kevin spoke from personal experience. There are a lot of cases among the workers in the restaurant group he works for. They had to scale back their New Year's Eve celebrations and close on New Year's Day.

There was a question about if our next meeting would be in person or by ZOOM. It was decided to wait until the week before to make our decision.

Treasurer: All is well. The end of the year looked great but we had some deposits from insurance and our PPP loan was forgiven. Nancy asked about paying another lump sum on our

mortgage as was discussed earlier this year. Martha felt that we should wait a bit to see what might crop up during the winter months. It was decided by consensus to wait a few months.

A question was asked regarding payments toward the BSA bankruptcy. Pastor John said it will be worked into the Mission Shares and is to happen over 2-3 years as to not make as big an impact on each church.

Pastor John said they we will be receiving Mission Share Relief again this year. The formal announcement will come in the next couple of months.

We did not have any info regarding the amount pledged by our members for 2022.

SPRC: No meeting in December

Trustees: No meeting in December

Ministry Team: see report

UMW: No meeting in December.

Lay Leadership Committee: Pastor John reports that Kayla Perez-Kilmonis will be replacing Kim Constantine on the Missions and Outreach Team.

Old Business:

Hannah reminded everyone that she is still waiting for pictures of themselves to put on the website. She also is looking for a sentence or 2 about what their committee does.

It has been noted that the signage out front has been neatened up. Thank you.

New Business:

Hannah brought up the use of the bulletin boards in the church. She says she has been using the bulletin board on the wall at the entry to the Education Wing for to put the UMW newsletters on. She's not sure what the other boards are being used for.

Now that we have a new copier for the church she would like to restart the Staples rewards. When you purchase something at Staples please give them the church phone number and that will allow us to get \$20 a month for returning our used toner and print cartridges. Nancy asked Hannah to send her an announcement to put in the bulletin. Kevin mentioned he had trouble the last time he tried. Hannah will be sure it is set.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

We reviewed the policy as Pastor John updated it with new numbers/names for district and conference contacts. Nancy had a problem with the wording "receiving the allegation of abuse" in #3 under Reporting the incident. A word change of "notified or informed of the allegation of abuse" was a suggested replacement.

Robin McFee, interested attendee, asked if CPR training was required. Questions were also brought up about our church sending our visitors to shut-ins. Did we always go by twos? How do we protect our volunteers?

The Safe Sanctuary Policy was instituted to protect churches from liability and doesn't go into the concerns Robin mentioned.

It was suggested that we consider any further suggestions for revision at the next meeting.

Pastor John will be hosting a Leadership Vision Retreat on Sat. March 26 from 12:30-6:00(ish), consisting of the members of this Council and the ministry team coordinators. He will provide dinner.

He expects at this meeting we will be putting the “flesh and bones” to what the whole church talks about at the visioning workshops. He will ask questions like how many ministries do we think we could manage at a time? How would we prioritize the ministries? Consider the mission statement of the church and ask does it our mission statement?

Pastor John also asked us to mark down any time our committee or group uses the church on the big calendar to the left of the office door and to be sure those pages get saved after they are torn off. These times are needed for the statistical reports he has to send in at the end of the year. Our Missions Shares can be affected by these numbers.

Nancy Luscombe closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Luscombe

The next meeting is February 1, 2022