**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**4-30-2019 (6:30pm @ Whitnel UMC)**

1. Scriptures & Prayer (Peter Brown)
2. Minutes with the following corrections (Mary June instead of Mar June; 4th paragraph; Whitnel has a monthly prayer breakfast) [ Jeff Hoover made the motion to accept, Delbert Cline second the motion and the minutes passed with corrections.] Thank you to Rebekah Watson for taking minutes at the last meeting.
3. Parish Finances

Maria Swanson will be taking over as Parish Finance Treasurer. She will be adding her name to the banking documents, but will need Judy Cline and Jeff Hoover to go with her to the bank as co-signers on the Parish account at First Citizens.

First quarter information was sent to the church treasurers by Amy Dunlap. We currently have $997.64 on hand in the account.

1. C4C
   1. Cookies/Treats to Whitnel and Gamewell Elementary schools to be delivered on June 3rd . Have them at the churches on June 2nd to be collected.
   2. We will also send cards of encouragement and thanks to the staff at both schools for the last week of school.
   3. We will collect school supplies to fill 900 individual student goodie bags (based on the bags created by the Teacher’s Closet Network). Items will be divided by all three churches and can be stored regularly in the Whitnel Church basement (Claricea will collect them or the Youth volunteers can bring them to the church during youth time on Sundays). Claricea will provide each church with a list of items needed. We will meet on Aug. 18th to pack the 900 bags @ WUMC.
   4. Peter Brown is the current Missional Network Chair (includes 13 area Methodist Churches)
   5. Any surplus school supplies will be donated to the school social workers to be given out to children as needed. Pastors will take the supplies to the school the week before students start. We will sort and divide the surplus items at the Aug. 11th Parish Gathering.
   6. Teacher’s Network Closet:
      * + - more individualized for teacher needs throughout the year
          - currently serving the southern end of the county
          - encourage help with activities within our missional network, so that we can learn and possibly create an additional Teacher’s Closet on our end of the county
2. Back-to-School Bash held by the Teacher’s Closet Network will be held at Grace Chapel UMC on August 10th from 10am until 2pm. Our own youth, Joe Watson, has spoken at the event in the past. He and his family participate yearly.
3. Next TCN meeting is on May 23rd at Dudley Shoals Baptist at 6:30pm everyone is encouraged to attend and learn what you can.
4. Youth
   1. See the Youth Update sheet attached.
   2. Dinner with the Seniors is coming up on May 19th. It was a hit last year at Whitnel. The Seniors seemed to enjoy telling stories and answering questions and the Youth enjoyed listening to them. All enjoyed a great meal! We hope it will be another success at Colliers this year.
   3. Currently collecting items for our yard sale & silent auction. Let Claricea know if you need items picked up or you can bring them to the youth house on Sundays at 5pm.
   4. We have one Youth and Peter going on a mission trip to the coast in July to help serve in Plymouth. Way to go!
   5. We’ve started our Community Garden Project called “Cooperative Youth Community Gardens” which will be behind the Youth House in Whitnel again this year. We currently have 6 available beds for the community and 4 beds that the youth will work for vegetable donations to Yokefellow this summer.
5. VBS

* See the information on the Youth update sheet.

1. Upcoming Parish Events

May 19 5-7pm Youth & the Young-at-Heart Dinner @ Colliers UMC

May 26 5-7pm Decoration Creation for VBS @ Colliers

June 9 5-7pm Decoration Set up for VBS @ Colliers

June 14 6-8pm VBS @ Colliers

June 15 9am – Noon VBS @ Colliers

June 16 11am VBS Celebration Service during worship at Colliers

June 17 8am Youth Carrowinds Trip

June 22 6am – 2pm Youth Yard Sale and Silent Auction Bidding

June 23 12:30 – 5pm Silent Auction Winner Pick-up

July 7-13 Joe & Peter on Mission Trip to Plymouth

July 13 Blackberry Festival in Lenoir (Youth trip – Blackberry JAM is performing)

June 30 3pm – until Praise Service @ Whitnel UMC (still asking for any volunteers to sing/play/etc.)

July 22-26 6 – 8:30pm Parish VBS @ Gamewell UMC

July 28 Youth Movie Trip

July 31 – Aug 2 L.A.M.P. (Lenoir Area Mission Project) Youth Camp

July 31 6-8pm Cookout & Swimming at Redwood Park Pool Area (Colliers has reserved the

space)

Aug. 6-10 9am – Noon Parish VBS @ Whitnel

Aug. 11 5-7pm Parish Covered Dish Gathering @ Mulberry Rec. Center

Aug. 12 Youth Tubing Trip

Aug. 18 5-7pm Pack 900 school supply bags for Whitnel & Gamewell Elem. Students (held at

WUMC Fellowship Hall)

1. New Business

Parish Yokefellow Challenge

* The Parish is challenged to donate a total of 120 lbs. of food per month to Yokefellow during September, October and November. This was changed from the months of May – July by vote. Kimberly Willis made the motion; Rebekah Watson second the motion and all were in favor.

1. God Sightings!

* Nice to see lots of people here at the Parish Council meeting.

1. Lori Anne closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: July 30th @ 6:30 – Colliers UMC

**Youth Update**

**DCYM Hours 2019**

1/21 to 1/27 14

1/28 to 2/3 16.5

2/4 to 2/10 18

2/11 to 2/17 22

2/18 to 2/24 18

3/4 to 3/10 16

3/11 to 3/17 17

3/18 to 3/24 18

3/25 to 3/31 15

4/1 to 4/7 18

4/8 to 4/14 20

4/15 to 4/21 15

4/22 to 4/28 8 (vacation week)

**Visits to Colliers & Gamewell**

January 6th and 27th attended GUMC Worship 27th attended seminar at Colliers

February (prime rib dinner at Gamewell) 10th attended Colliers Worship

March 24th attended GUMC Worship 31st attended Colliers Worship

April NA NA

***Youth attendance ranges from 2 to 8 with an average of 5 per meeting.***

**VBS INFO**

Theme: ROAR! Life is wild ~ God is good! (Africa setting)

**Day 1: When life is unfair… God is good!**

“The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.” Nahum 1:7

The Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians. Exodus

**Day 2: When life is scary… God is good!**

“Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are

close beside me.” Psalm 23:4

God sends plagues on Egypt. Exodus

**Day 3: When life changes… God is good!**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Ps 106:1

The Israelites enter the wilderness.

**Day 4: When life is sad… God is good!**

“ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.” Ps 34:18

Jesus dies and comes back to life. John

**Day 5: When life is good… God is good!**

“Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious.” Nehemiah 4: 14

The Israelites build a memorial to remember God’s goodness. Joshua