

Harris Chapel United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

Special Called

July 31, 2011

Bro Bob opened the meeting with prayer, and Darrell Day read Psalms 100.

The Council minutes of March 27 and May 1, 2011 were read by Patty Wilcox. Motion by Danny Hall seconded by Bob Rose to approve minutes as read, and was passed unanimously.

Time was given for any questions and comments from the congregation concerning selling or renting the parsonage. Pictures of the front and back of the parsonage were shown. Pros and Cons for selling or renting were discussed.

There was no old business.

New Business

1. The council voted May 1, 2011 unanimously to sell the parsonage. Church trustee have met with a realtor and the parsonage has been appraised for \$119,000.00. Darrell advised the council that we needed to set the lowest amount we would accept to alleviate the need for the realtor to come back before the council every time an offer is made. Bro Bob advised the council again that monies received from the sale of the parsonage could only be used for capital improvements and not regular church expenditures. Discussion followed concerning the costs that would be incurred waiting to sell until we can get the best price. Expenses would be utilities, insurance, upkeep and lawn care. After general discussion concerning rock bottom limit, motion was made by Bob Rose seconded by Kim Extine to set \$110,000.00 as the lowest offer the church would accept for the parsonage and was approved unanimously. It was advised that Sam Hatfield had been contacted to handle the sale and he was giving the church a discount on his commission. His rate is 5% and most realtors are charging at least 6% or more.
2. Dwight Wilcox presented three bids for the cutting of 3 large dead trees and the trimming of one other tree located behind the church. Bids are for taking the trees down only and not for removing the logs or debris. Dwight advised all bidders that proof of insurance would be needed before any work would be allowed. Bids received were from:

Arbor Tree Service, Tullahoma - -	\$1175.00
Brown's Tree Service, Tullahoma - - -	\$775.00
Jess Brannon - - - -	\$500.00

Kim Extine noted that Jess Brannon had completed similar work for them and had done an excellent job. After discussion, Motion by Gina Hall, seconded by Patty Wilcox to hire Jesse Brannon to cut the 3 threes down and trim the third tree. Dwight advised that he would contact Mr. Brannon the next day.

3. Darrell Day advised the council that the ladies that were presently cleaning the church needed to relinquish those duties to someone else. Darrell read a long list of items that needed to be taken care of on a weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly basis. A lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Bob Rose second by Darlene Judge to nominate Sharon Davenport to coordinate the custodial duties at the church with the help of as many families that can participate to assist her. Motion by Joan Day seconded by Kim Extine to announce the congregation next Sunday for volunteers to assist Sharon Davenport in this task. Motion carried.
4. The Virgie Schwartz Stained Glass Window fund has \$3785.33. Joan Day advised the council that a bank account had been established and Mary Bennett, noted that it not be accessed until the bank received a copy of the minutes allowing it to be opened. Options were discussed concerning the way to proceed in procuring these windows. Whether to do them as money is available or do them all and may members buy them in memory/honor of family members. It was noted that we would need three estimates on cost and would need to have a design/designs for the windows. Motion by Gina Hall seconded by Mary Bennett to notify the bank to open the account and to form a committee consisting of Kim Heaven, Joan Day, and Kim Extine to come up with a design or designs, and seek estimates for the costs and report back at the next council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Discussion regarding the hole in the ceiling in one of the Sunday School rooms, and the pastor's office was held. Chuck Ealy advised that he had been checking to make sure all the leaks were fixed before repairing these holes.

There being no other business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Patty Wilcox
Church Council Secretary