

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes – Called Meeting
February 23, 2015

Chair Sonny Morton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and Barry Foster led the Council in prayer. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as written. Sonny announced the dates for regularly scheduled Council meetings for the remainder of 2015:

March 16, June 15, September 21, October 19. All to begin at 7 p.m.

Sonny said the purpose of this called meeting was to make a decision on outsourcing the cleaning and landscaping for the church.

Property Chairman Tom Underwood summarized the findings of the special purpose committee that researched the church's options. He read a list they compiled of the duties of the current sexton position (on file), and the details of three quotes received from the following cleaning services: All-in-One, FCS Inc., and Service-master (on file). He presented a cost comparison of the current full-time sexton position and the three quotes from cleaning services (on file). He also presented an estimate from Raywood Landscape Center for taking over the outside maintenance (on file). Raywood has provided some services to the church for years; no other quotes were sought for the outside work.

The Property Committee made a **motion that the church hire FCS Inc. cleaning service and Raywood Landscape Center and eliminate the sexton position, for a projected saving of at least \$20,000 per year; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.**

Barry Foster discussed a man who has attended the 11 a.m. service on three Sundays and was disruptive, soliciting money from members during the service, in the halls, and outside the church. Barry plans to find out what he can about the man so a plan for dealing with him can be formulated, in case he returns.

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Present: Sonny Morton, Tom Underwood, Gary Benefield, Richard Turner, Sam Newell, Alana Mitchell, Beth Bauman, Margaret Scott, Martha Jo Hodges, Leah Cooter, Fran Ashby, Catherine Bendall, Lyndsay Payne, Bill Booker, Barry Foster