

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
September 16, 2014

A called meeting of the Church Council was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. Sonny Morton, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 and Barry Foster opened with prayer. A letter was read from Fran Ashby, **Memorials Committee** Chairman, that notified Council of the approval of a \$2000 request to assist Children's House' with the addition of daycare services.

Richard Turner, **Staff-Parish Relations** Committee chairman, reported that the committee received a declaration of ministry from Tobias Lutz and that the committee voted unanimously to support his request. He also reported that the committee recommended to the Finance Committee, because of budget constraints, no staff salary increases would be given for the upcoming year. It was recommended that the church continue to pay for the "employee-only" portion of the lower cost health insurance option. The committee also approved the reimbursement of the cost of a Medicare supplement and Parts B & D should a staff member enroll in Medicare.

David Fuquay, **Finance Chairman**, presented the income statement for the eight months ended August 31, 2014, which shows a YTD loss of \$17,328. He recommended that a request of \$17,000 be made to the MV Foundation/Dot Rich account. The Council approved the recommendation.

Barry Foster presented the Council with staff reports, which will be submitted electronically to the Virginia conference.

Linwood Wright moved, seconded by Richard Turner, that Council approve the pastor's compensation package, which remained unchanged from 2013, in preparation for charge conference. Motion passed. Charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 4:30 pm at Grace Design UMC.

Barry Foster reported that the Stewardship Team had met. Using the 2013 theme, "Today, Tomorrow, Forever" the campaign will include stewardship moments at the last 3 Sundays in October. Commitment Sunday will be November 2—also celebrating All Saint's & communion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Margaret Scott

Present: Sonny Morton, Barry Foster, Richard Turner, Linwood Wright, David Fuquay, Margaret Scott, Catherine Bendall, Fran Ashby, Martha Jo Hodges, Tom Underwood, Leah Cooter, Budge Kent, Dan Waters