

Camp Hill UMC Council Minutes September 24, 2024

Present: Doug Kocher, Susan Pigott, Jeff Stoner, Kris Sample, Pat Harry, Pat Townsend, Bruce Johnson, Linda Armstrong, Caroyl Pettis, Ron Soder, Jim Clahane, Jeff Helm, Chris Durant, Emily Powell, Linda Fortney, Don Powell, Doug Tobias Staff present: Sara Shaver, Jason Mackey, Valerie Flamini

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Doug Tobias shared a “Food for Thought” meditation. Doug Kocher offered opening prayer.

As there was no August meeting, there were no minutes to be approved.

Reports:

*SPR – Previously distributed. No updates.

*Prayer Team – Previously distributed. No updates.

*Mission Team – Previously distributed.

- Events upcoming soon were highlighted: Trunk or Treat (10/26); Harvest Hop (10/19) and Crop Walk (10/20).
- Questions were raised about the 2025 “pause” on our Family Promise hosting. There are several factors playing into this decision including administrative issues with the program itself and the absence here of a person who can handle the volume and fluctuation in volunteer scheduling. No action was taken.
- Jim Clahane updated the Council on the Panguma scholarship program and a possible trip.

*United Women in Faith – Linda Fortney reported on our three women’s circles and events in the planning stage including a Lenten breakfast and a possible evening or Saturday women’s gathering.

*Trustees – Bruce Johnson briefly reviewed ongoing Trustee projects: sanctuary lights, fire alarm system, chiller problems. They are working on 2025 budget and an updated building use policy and will soon be conducting parsonage inspections.

*Finance – Previously submitted. Jeff Stoner reviewed highlights. Chris Durant moved to accept the report, Jim Clahane offered a second and it was accepted without objection.

Council moved into a discussion of goals.

- 2024 – Chris Durant announced that we will have a church-wide community event on November 3 to “Fill the Van,” the mobile mission van operated by Bethesda Mission. Church congregation will be asked to donate from a list of supplies, food, clothing, etc. needed for the van as it makes its rounds on weekend nights.
- 2025 – The outline of proposed goals had been distributed. Doug Kocher reviewed the goals and opened them for discussion.
 - One goal was revised. Under Ministry Effectiveness, replace “Ensure all staff and lay leaders have skills and knowledge to perform their roles” with “Identify and equip current and future lay leaders in the church.”
 - Chris Durant made a motion to approve as changed. Caroyl Pettis seconded. Approved without objection.

The subcommittee will meet before next council meeting to further work on strategies.

Pastor Jason offered closing prayer and the meeting ended at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pigott, Secretary