

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2016 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: Sandy Bennett, John Baer, Elizabeth Gilbert, Tom Iles, Natalie Macy, Bob Milligan, Kathy Perry, Debbie Proctor, Mary Raver, Mike Rohrer, Paul Schreiner, Vern Sullenger, Anthony Swinger, Charlie Wilfong, Mary Winters.

John Baer began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with devotions for Veterans' Day titled In God We Trust.

Charlie led us in sharing Glory Sightings first by reminding us of the enhanced questions we are to ask ourselves about how we see God working around us. He refers to them as Glory Sighting 2.0 and the questions are: How have you experienced God in the last week? How has your recent experience of God changed or transformed your life? How has God presented you with an opportunity to take faithful, timely action? Charlie then shared with us the Glory Sightings that he presented at the Annual Charge Conference. Others in the group then shared their Glory Sightings.

Charlie next reported on the work of the Values Clarification Task Force. The task force has met and defined values as those things that drive the church to the activities that it pursues. The task force is now in the process of identifying the two to five core values that are considered non-negotiable.

Sandy Bennett clarified somewhat her report at the last meeting then gave the following report: CROP Walk went well but we still don't know the total participants and donations. Henderson Work Team reported that all went well and there is much work for all kinds of volunteers. We are currently in the midst of our Fall Food Drive. Much was brought in last Sunday and a truck/van is scheduled to be at Plainfield High School to collect any items brought in this Sunday. Alternative Christmas Gifts will be offered again this year. Projects for support will be: Family Assistance, Family Promise, Last Saturday Lunch, Feeding the Hungry, and Madina School. Sundays to purchase will be December 4, 11, and 18. Our Christmas Eve offering is slated to benefit local children. Mary Raver reported that our Family Promise host dates for 2017 have been set as January 8, March 26, September 10, and December 24. The fire marshal has inspected the Friends Church and determined that some changes are necessary to have people sleeping there.

Paul Schreiner reported for Trustees that church leadership is welcome to walk through the house we recently purchased. The key is available in the office. We have the structure insured for 80% of it's replacement value. The cross is scheduled to be installed in the sanctuary the Tuesday, November 15. The project to replace all of the lights in the church with LEDs has increased in price from \$3100 to \$13,000 due to the need to change vendors. It is still a very good value and is being pursued. Energy savings should be around \$9400 per year.

John Baer presented the financial report which is attached.

Charlie read a poem by Bishop Trimble: When Tomorrow Comes

The sun will rise
God will still be God
God will still be good
And we will still need GOD

When tomorrow comes

Victory will be declared
And the poor will still be with us
Fear and food deserts,
The hungry and homeless

When tomorrow comes

The questions will still remain
Where have all the prophets gone
Who speaks for the children
Who welcomes the stranger

When tomorrow comes

Will you honor the golden rule
Will you pray and pay attention
Will you make the gospel come alive

When tomorrow comes

Be real
Be present
Be still
Be hope and for Christ sake
Be the church

We closed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with singing and a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Vernon Sullenger—secretary

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