

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Bree Dunsombe, Elizabeth gilbert, Tim Hansen, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Amanda Norton, Mary Raver, Mike Rohrer, Paul Schreiner, Nikki Shoultz, Vern Sullenger, Charlie Wilfong, Tom Wiltrout.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Mike followed with devotions discussing our need to be what God has made us to be based on scriptures about the potter and the clay.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

The group shared a few glory sightings.

Charlie reported that the Values Clarification Task Force has met for the third time with facilitator Christin Nevins. The next step is to meet with several stake holder groups for buy in before reporting back to Church Council.

Mary Raver reported for Missions. Alternative Christmas gift receipts were as follows: Family Promise \$195, Last Saturday Lunch \$170, Madina School \$370, Family Assistance,\$210, Feed the Hungry \$225 for total of \$1170. Bishop's Offering for Children was \$1495. The Christmas Eve Offering (\$5000 - with a last minute donation of \$1 to round it out) was voted to be split as follows: \$1200 each to Family Promise, Family Assistance, Local Feed the Hungry, and Sheltering Wings, \$350 each to Last Saturday Lunch and Lunch Bunch. PUMC's next week to host Family Promise will begin March 19. A note to consider - PUMC will be hosting the week starting Christmas Eve this year. Mission Sunday is scheduled to be April 23. Imagine No Malaria emphasis is planned for March 19 and 25 with publicity beginning on March 12. Spring Food Drive will begin May 14 (bag hand out) with first delivery on May 21. Other deliveries follow as food accumulates or is purchased. MMDC Work Team is scheduled for April 17-21. More participants are needed.

Bob Milligan reported for Staff Parish that Joe Bennett and Cathy Stenger were welcomed as new members at their first meeting in January. Charlie is celebrating 35 years in ministry. Elizabeth led a district training session on Missions. Jamie is able to increase her time playing the organ as her back continues to heal from an automobile accident. Oma is recovering at home from a broken wrist and shoulder injury from a fall at home. Lynn Blosser is filling in for her as Bell Choir Director. Thank you Lynn.

Paul reported for Trustees that the LED lighting project in the building is nearly complete. He would like to replace the parking lot lights as well. He is in the process of determining what has already been spent on the project so that he can decide how much more can be done with the funding that has been approved. The town of Plainfield has a drainage project in the works for an area that includes PUMC. Paul is working with the town to evaluate various options and determine the best plan for the town and the church. There may be some opportunities to combine this work with our needed parking lot work with a cost savings to the church.

Bill Edie reported for finance: the church was blessed with the best month ever for pledges, tithes and offerings. Total giving for January was \$125,552 to the expected budget giving of \$87,703. This is roughly 3.5% higher than the estimated giving. Expenses for the month of January were \$81,265 Leaving us a positive balance of \$44,287. In anticipation of the church doing some capital improvements to the property and building Finance recommends the Line of Credit be increased to \$680,000. Bill offered the following motion: I move that the Council as recommended by Finance approve taking out a Line of Credit in the amount of \$680,000 from First Merchants Bank subject to the terms and conditions of the offer. This motion was seconded by John Baer. After considerable discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Tom, Charlie and Nikki were empowered to form an Ad Hoc Committee to create a list of projects and rough cost estimates for Church Council review in preparation for announcing the intention to hold a capital campaign to the congregation.

The Endowment Committee met in January and set the funds available for grants in 2017. Those amounts are Missions \$7225, Music Worship and Arts \$16491, and Memorial \$2269. This will be shared with the congregation soon.

We are scheduled to meet again March 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Vernon Sullenger, secretary

APPROVED 3/8/2017