

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Amanda Norton, Mary Raver, Mike Rohrer, Paul Schreiner, Nikki Shoultz, Melissa Shriner, Mike Simek, Todd Sprinkle, Vern Sullenger, Charlie Wilfong, Mary Winters, Christie Wright, and Eiric Shriner.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. grateful for the good attendance on such a beautiful summer evening. Christie Wright presented devotions from the book *Fifteen Minutes Alone With God* based on Mathew 25:21, "Well done good and faithful servant".

The May minutes were approved as presented.

The group shared glory sightings.

Eiric Shriner showed the council some artwork depicting the window coverings that will be placed on the various glass areas in the front of the church beginning with the door #2 entrance at the office. These will allow us to display information as well as block some of the light making the entrance cooler in the summer. There will also be additional outdoor and indoor signage to help visitors find their way.

Mary Raver reported for Missions that upcoming events include Family Promise, Cropwalk, Henderson Settlement, Fall Food Drive, and a county wide coat collection. Jennifer Finesilver distributed a report from the Music Department which is attached.

Charlie reported for the ad hoc committee that is exploring facilities upgrades that visits with some of the top tier givers indicate a feeling that our project list seems reasonable or maybe even a bit conservative and that the congregation will probably feel comfortable with projects that cost in the range of \$.75M-\$1.5M. The committee will continue to refine the cost estimates and speak with other top tier givers with a goal of having a project list defined and approved well before Consecration Sunday.

Nikki and Charlie have been meeting with a core team from the Children's Ministries to formalize the relationships between the church and these various programs. A document has been prepared which details these agreements. Based on these agreements, the core team will meet once per year. Trustees will supply a proposed allocation of costs for various services the church provides for these programs before October 15 of each year to allow the programs to budget for the following year. The Church Council thanks Nikki for guiding what has always been a difficult discussion to a logical conclusion.

Charlie reported for Staff Parish that the Personnel Handbook is almost complete. Staff reviews are almost complete and that the clergy is in the process of interviews with the District Superintendent.

Paul reported for Trustees that the coyotes are becoming more bold around the building. He is working with a company that traps and removes them. Removable hand rails are being planned for the platform. Some landscaping has been done this summer and more is needed. Larry Rudy has been working on painting the exterior hand rails.

Bill presented the following report for finance: Income for the month of June was down just a bit. Income for the month was \$79,284.55 with expenses of \$81,316.68 leaving June with a negative balance of \$2,032.13. Year to date income is \$536,099.21 with expenses of \$516,351.38 which gives us a year to date balance of \$19,747.83. Total assets are \$4,171,175.50 and the balance on the Line of credit is \$112,147.82. The only area of concern that I see right now is the Major Maintenance Fund has been depleted.

In new business, Vern Sullenger moved and Mike Rohrer seconded that the following persons presented by Charlie be approved for the positions indicated. The motion passed unanimously. Ray Shannon, elected as co-chair of Endowment Committee effective immediately. Mike Rohrer elected to Finance Committee to fill a vacancy effective immediately. Linda Cook appointed to financial counters team effective immediately. The following elected to the Consecration Sunday planning team. Brenda Barnett, Bree Dunscombe, Bill Edie, Elizabeth Gilbert, Elaine Jacone, Brian Long, Brenden Macy, Amanda Norton, Michael Pettry, Jim Rodrmel, Mike Rohrer, Anthony Swinger, Charlie Wilfong, Zoe Wiltrout, and Bob Milligan as Chairman.

Consecration Sunday is November 12 and will occur on site.

Charlie closed us with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vernon Sullenger, secretary

APPROVED 8/9/2017