

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Mike Rohrer, Charlie Wilfong, Nikki Shoultz, Amanda Norton, Mary Raver, Tim Hansen, Paul Schreiner, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan

Welcome – Nikki Shoultz – opened the meeting at 7:03

Devotions – Nikki Shoultz – Started devotions with this quote: “God’s will, will not give you anything that God’s grace cannot get you through.” Then spoke about when a leader gets discouraged. Psalms 27:14

Minutes – John Baer moved the minutes of the July meeting be accepted as presented. Tim Hansen second, the motion passed unanimously.

Glory Sightings – Many were shared by the committee.

Lay Leaders Reports – No reports were given.

Ad Hoc Committee Update – Charlie/Tom/Nikki

- Update on Feedback – A focus group meeting of approximately 40 PUMC members was held on August 6 at 2:00. Over all the meeting went well. Most agreed with the scope of the project and the items needing done. A suggestion was made that an emergency fund for building maintenance and repair needed to be reestablished in the general budget.
- Working Title for Campaign – Transformations for Tomorrow (see attachment)
- Vote on Leadership Structure (Steering Committee; Project Management Team; Fundraising Team; Communications Team) – Tim Hansen moved that the Church Council create a leadership structure for the Transformations for Tomorrow project. This would consist of a Steering Committee overseeing a Project Management Team, a Fundraising Team and a Communications team. John Baer second, the motion passed unanimously.
- Next steps will include further communication with the congregation and ultimately, a Church Conference to vote on moving forward with the project. If a Church Conference vote is favorable, the Council will be asked to approve nominations for members to serve in the project’s leadership structure. The Council was asked to approve the following Motion that can be offered at an upcoming Church Conference. Motion – Bob Milligan moved:

Whereas, there are needs for capital improvements which cannot be funded by the Basic Ministry Budget;

Whereas, many of these capital improvements serve to allow for growth;

Whereas, our current growth makes these improvements especially timely; and

Whereas, some of the items are necessary and immediate maintenance items;

Therefore, the PUMC Council moves that PUMC accomplish the listed improvement projects

(see attached) over a 3-5 year period engaging in a capital finance campaign soliciting three-year

pledges and arranging financing to accomplish the improvements in a timely manner . A tithe (10%) of funds raised will be designated for future major capital repairs and maintenance. Bill Edie second, the motion passed unanimously.

Children's Weekday Ministry Update – Nikki/Charlie – Amanda Norton stated that things are running fine and all of the programs are gearing up for the fall.

Nikki reported that there was a meeting between the church and the children's programs and from this meeting a Memorandum of Understanding was being created. This will be brought to Council upon finalization for approval. This agreement would then be reevaluated each year by children's council and the church.

Mary Raver reported that PUMC will host Family Promise beginning September 10.

Staff Parish – Bob – All is well. Staff and pastors' evaluations are in progress. They are still finalizing an update to the employee handbook.

Trustees Report – Paul – Trustees are meeting with a HVAC and door security company this week. They are also trying to meet with a handrail company. Trustees also submitted a Capital Projects Summary which will be updated prior to the church conference. This summary has more detailed descriptions and costs for the projects brought by the Ad Hoc committee. (Capital_Projects_Summary_2017-08-07 attachment)

Finance Report – Bill Edie presented the following report: The July financials are as follows. Income for July was \$82,059.82. YTD total income is \$618,159.03 which is \$4239.22 above YTD Budget. Expenses for July were \$83,973.76 with YTD expenses of \$600,325.14 which is \$13,594.95 below YTD Budget. The income/expense balance for July was (\$1,913.94) but the YTD balance is \$17,833.89. The General Fund balance sheet has total assets of \$130,685.31 and the Building and Land balance sheet has total assets of \$4,171,175.50. The balance on the line of credit for the Kelly property is \$110,646.80.

New Business – The 2018 Church Wide Study will be January 21 – February 4, 2018. The study will be "The Wesley Challenge". Members will be encouraged to participate in small groups. Annual Charge Conference will be held at Avon UMC on November 28 at 6:00 PM. Boy Scout Troop 399 is currently dormant due to lack of participants. The Girl Scout Troop which currently meets in the church will be moving to Van Buren. Nikki – suggested we pray/think about what to do with the Kelly property. With no official need for the house by the church should we consider renting?

Closing – Pastor Charlie closed the meeting in prayer at 8:22

Next scheduled meeting: September 13, 2017

Recorded by Mike Rohrer and submitted by Vernon Sullenger, secretary

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