

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loundenback, Bob Milligan, Amanda Norton, Kathy Perry, Mary Raver, Mike Rohrer, Paul Schreiner, Nikki Shoultz, Melissa Shriner, Mike Simek, Charlie Wilfong, Vern Sullenger, Tom Wiltout, Christie Wright, Eiric Shriner, Carissa Wooden, Jim Rodarmel, Sigrid Schuld, Judy Kuether, Debbie Kehrt.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome from Nikki and Devotions by Bill Edie around the theme of *gifts for building the temple*.

The September minutes were approved as presented.

Glory Sightings were shared.

Mike Rohrer reported that the Endowment Committee is working on a marketing brochure and that a grant request was approved for the 2018 youth mission trip to Texas.

Jim Rodarmel reported on the Safety Committee's work on preparing an emergency response guide. This guide is attached. He also discussed a to do list to enhance safety in the building. The Safety Committee will oversee the implementation of these items.

Bob Milligan reported on the preparations for Consecration Sunday. No changes from previous information. Members of Church Council will assist in calling for RSVP's on the afternoon of November 5.

Charlie gave the following update on the Transformation for Tomorrow campaign as it stands after the two Sunday afternoon congregational meetings. The Church Conference was cancelled and an informational meeting held in it's place:

- 1) **Everyone seems to agree that this list, or the majority of it, are things which must be done one way or another, sooner or later; and that the basic ministry budget will not accomplish them quickly enough to facilitate congregational growth. Many people over the course of about a year, have explored, examined, prayed, investigated this endeavor.**
 - 2) **A tithe (10%) of gifts received is to be set aside for future major capital repairs and maintenance.**
 - 3) **Funds raised from the capital campaign will be used to pay for all project expenses and financing expenses.**
 - 4) **PUMC will incur no lasting debt in the accomplishments of these projects beyond its ability to fund the projects through recorded financial gifts and pledges.**
- "Financing" only refers to cash flow management when pledges are recorded to pay for work, but those contributions are not yet received, but vendors and contractors must be paid.**
- 5) **It will probably be wise to make this a 5-year pledge/finance campaign with what we now know about the scope of project.**

Intent is after 5 years to have projects funded, complete, and no debt.

The next meeting will be October 22 at 5:00 p.m. to continue the discussion as to how to proceed.

Nikki reported on the updated Memorandum of Understanding between PUMC and the Children's programs. This memorandum is attached. Some of the provisions will be phased in over several years. It was moved by Paul Schreiner and seconded by Mike Rohrer that the Memorandum of Understanding be approved. The motion passed unanimously. The council thanked the committee for their hard work and especially Nikki for her leadership.

Bob Milligan reported for Staff Parish that all is well, and work continues on the Employee Handbook.

Paul reported for Trustees that design for hand rails in the sanctuary is underway and that parts for the freezer are on order.

Bill Edie gave the following report for the Finance Committee: The September financials are as follows. Income for September was \$76,696.77. YTD total income is \$769,715.51 which is \$19,609.96 below YTD Budget. Expenses for September were \$88,271.49 with YTD expenses of \$763,917.61 which is \$25,408.22 below YTD Budget. The income/expense balance for September was (\$11,574.72) with the YTD balance being \$5,797.90. The General Fund balance sheet has total assets of \$117,986.84 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 \$107,641.76.

Charlie informed the council that beginning the first Sunday in January the worship schedule would be changing. He prefaced this with the information that although PUMC has maintained over the last 30 years a relatively constant membership and attendance that on average nationally in churches in general and in the Methodist churches these numbers have steadily decreased which is a celebration of sorts for PUMC. However: in order to promote growth, the following worship schedule is being adopted: Classic and New Day Praise worship from 8:45-9:45 and 10:00-11:00. Children's Sunday school and Youth Worship from 10:00-11:00 and adult Sunday school at each class's discretion. Preaching Chapel which will consist of prayer, an opening hymn and an interactive sermon including reading of scripture will occur from 11:15-11:45.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Vernon Sullenger, secretary

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