

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Amanda Norton, Kathy Perry, Mary Raver, Mike Rohrer, Paul Schreiner, Nikki Shoultz, Mike Simek, Todd Sprinkle, Vern Sullenger, Charlie Wilfong, Tom Wiltrout, and Jim Rodarmel.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with devotions by Charlie on very short notice. He shared with us that he will be regularly discussing with the staff the question “why do I serve Jesus?” Charlie’s decision to examine that question for himself was inspired by the book *Start With Why*.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted.

The group shared glory sightings.

Mary reported that the Crop Walk went well despite rain right up to the time it began. As of this time \$2505 has been raised. We will host Family Promise the week of Christmas. The Fall food drive is currently underway

Jim Rodarmel was present to discuss the revised proposed Safety Committee Guide which had been sent to the Council for review. After Jim answered some questions about implementation Kathy Perry moved and Bill Edie seconded that the guide be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie presented the 2018 church leadership proposal as it will be presented at Charge Conference. Bob Milligan moved and John Baer seconded that the proposal be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Milligan reported that plans are in place for Consecration Sunday. We are expecting approximately 325 to stay for lunch.

Charlie reported on the Transforming For Tomorrow initiative. A committee has been formed to look at the needs for the kitchen. Bill Edie will facilitate getting that committee functioning until they can choose their own leader. We are expecting to hold a Church Conference in mid January to vote on the following motion which the Council approved unanimously:

Transforming for Tomorrow  
Amended Motion Presented to PUMC Church Council  
November 8,, 2017

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

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

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 engage in a capital finance campaign soliciting gifts and pledges to be received up to a 5 year period, which shall be used to complete as many of the projects shown on Attachment A as may be accomplished with recorded gifts and pledges and which shall be commenced in the order specified by the Transforming for Tomorrow Steering Committee after considering suggestions by the PUMC congregation and the recommendations of the Transforming for Tomorrow Project Management, Fundraising, and Communications Committees. Ten percent (10%)

of the campaign gifts received shall be placed in the PUMC Major Maintenance account to pay for future capital repairs and maintenance with costs exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Financing costs may be incurred where necessary to provide cash flow between the time when pledged gifts are received and the commencement and completion dates of a project. All project expenses and financing costs will be paid for by funds raised from the capital campaign. 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.

We are expecting to have a leadership structure in place to lead this effort in the middle of February of next year.

Bob reported for Staff Parish that Elizabeth is recovering from surgery and was able to return and preach last Sunday. January 13 of next year Charlie's daughter will be getting married. Charlie will officiate at that ceremony. In the Call to Fruitfulness ceremony at Annual Conference Charlie's 30 years as an ordained Elder was celebrated. All of the clergy has indicated their desire to continue to serve PUMC in 2018. The clergy compensation plan was presented with preliminary Finance Committee approval. It was moved by Tom Wiltrout and seconded by Kathy Perry that the plan be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Paul reported for Trustees that after receiving a bid of \$1800 to replace the doors into Clayton Hall, he purchased doors for \$85 each which will be installed by volunteers. Since the supplier has been unable to get parts for our commercial freezer, Paul purchased a residential freezer for immediate use. After the Kitchen Committee meets and determines the overall needs and plans for the kitchen we'll have a better idea what we might do for a freezer.

Bill Edie made the following report for the Finance Committee: The October financials are as follows. Income for October was \$77,343.94. YTD total income is \$847,059.45 which is \$29,968.85 below YTD Budget. Expenses for October were \$80,949.09 with YTD expenses of \$844,866.70 which is \$32,162 less than YTD Budget. The income/expense balance for October was (\$3,605.15) with the YTD balance being \$2,192.75. The General Fund balance sheet has total assets of \$109,373.90 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 \$106,112.92. Finance will be meeting Monday evening at which time we will review the numbers from Consecration Sunday and start the budget discussions. Preliminary numbers submitted from the different departments show an increase of \$84,000 in additional requests over last years budget.

In New Business, Charlie reported that Shannen Shortt has begun the application process to become a Certified Lay Servant. For her application to be accepted by the Conference it must be approved by the Church Council. It was moved by Paul and seconded by Kathy that we approve her application. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

Vernon Sullenger, secretary

**APPROVED 12/13/2017**