

Plainfield United Methodist Church

Minutes of December 13, 2017 Church Council Meeting

Those present: John Baer, Mike Simek, Bob Milligan, Paul Schreiner, Melissa Shriner, Mike Rohrer, Bree Dunscombe, Tom Wiltrout, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Mary Winters, Mary Raver, Jennifer Finesilver, Bill Edie, Charlie Wilfong, Nikki Shoultz, and Nancy Montgomery.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. John Baer presented devotions based on Joseph's as written in the Apocryphal New Testament. John shared little known information about Joseph's life.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Glory sightings were shared.

Mary Raver reported for Missions. The 2018 Christmas Eve Offering will benefit the children of Plainfield with the funds going to Family Assistance, Family Promise, Last Saturday Lunch, Sheltering Wings and Lunch Bunch. She also announced that Janet Lahr Lewis will speak on January 13 on issues of Palestine and Israel.

Charlie presented the following names for the 2018 Leadership Team: Church Council Class of 2020, Tony Doster, SPRC Class of 2020 Nancy Burris and Trustees Class of 2020 Brooks Wagler. Those names were approved.

Bob Milligan reported on Consecration Sunday Results. There was a 1% decrease in giving. Bob reported that the committee has already met to discuss 2018 Consecration Sunday. The committee is discussing the option of moving the date forward. They are also investigating ways to increase giving to meet the budgeted needs, including a church wide study on stewardship.

Charlie announced there will be a public church meeting in January to discuss Transformations for Tomorrow and other issues facing the church.

The Council thanked Bob Milligan for his leadership of Consecration Sunday Committee.

Charlie presented the following proposal for the Transforming for Tomorrow leadership team. Steering Committee: Chair: Mike Simek. Members: Nikki Shoutz, Charlie Wilfong, Elizabeth Gilbert, Bill Edie, Paul Schreiner, Bob Milligan, Kimberly Meyer, Ray Shannon, Bud Green. Project Management: Chair: Paul Schreiner. Members: Kevin Barnett, Linda Cook, Mark Preis, Dan Fleck, Cherie Wesley, Orville Stenger, Steve Brizendine. Fund Raising/Finance: Chair: Bill Edie. Members: Charlie Wilfong, Michael Pettry (advisory), and John Baer. Communication: Chair: Elizabeth Gilbert. Members: Christie Wright. This recommendation was approved.

Bob reported for Staff Parish Committee that Michael and Amanda Norton have submitted their resignations. These positions will be posted in January. In the meantime, Nancy Montgomery is assisting with the Children's Ministry and Jacob Wolverton is the Interim Praise leader.

Paul reported for Trustees; the kitchen range hood and fire extinguishers have been inspected. The fire extinguishers were outdated and have been replaced.

Bill Edie gave the following report for finance: The November financials are as follows. Income for November was \$82,133. YTD total income is \$929,192 which is \$35,602 below YTD Budget. Expenses for November were \$89,666 with YTD expenses of \$934,533 which is \$30,199 less than YTD Budget. The income/expense balance for November was (\$7,533) with the YTD balance being (\$5,341). We need to have a strong December in giving to get back to being positive for the end of the year. The General Fund balance sheet has total assets of \$113,464 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 \$104,594. Finance plans to present a budget to Council in January. With that said, total pledges from Consecration Sunday are lower than expected. Preliminary budget numbers are around \$41,000 short of balancing to the 2017 budget. Leadership is planning special meetings with the congregation to discuss the shortfall. We hope that these discussions will energize the congregation to up their pledges so the budget can balance to 2017 levels.

Charlie closed the meeting with song and prayer.

The next meeting will be January 10, 2018

Recorded by Mary Winters

Submitted by Vernon Sullenger, Secretary

APPROVED JANUARY 10, 2018