

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those Present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Mary Raver, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Todd Sprinkle, Vern Sullenger, Christie Wright, Melissa Shriner, Charlie Wilfong, Judy Karstens.

Nikki opened the meeting with introductions at 7:00 p.m. Vern passed around the council contact information for updates and also a list for signups for devotions at future meetings. Vern presented a devotion which asked questions concerning the church's responsibility to individuals in times of faith crisis.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

The group shared Glory Sightings from their recent experience. Several were very powerful testimony.

Mary Raver reported for missions that Janet Lahr Lewis will be coming to PUMC later this week. She also reported that our hosting of Family Promise Christmas week went well. There were gifts for the families we hosted as well as those just leaving.

Charlie and Nikki gave an update on the Transforming For Tomorrow initiative. The next step will be to again meet with the congregation on January 21 at 1:30 p.m. to bring everyone up to date on the financial position of the church and to discuss steps to bring the budget in line with anticipated giving and then moving forward with the capital fund drive for Transforming For Tomorrow.

The Memorandum of Understanding between PUMC and the Children's Ministries has been revised to include a definition of the term *net revenue*. Bob Milligan replaced Amanda Norton as one of the signatories. Bill Edie moved and John Baer seconded that the revision be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie reported for Staff Parish that the position of New Day Praise Worship Leader has been posted. Jacob is serving in an interim capacity while this happens. The job description for the position of Director of Children's Ministries is under revision. When that is complete, that job will be posted. It is currently being handled by volunteers.

There was no Trustee report due to newly re-elected chairman, Paul Schreiner being temporarily on injured reserve.

Bill Edie gave the following report for Finance: The December financials are as follows. Income for December was \$86,722. YTD total income is \$1,015,915 which is \$36,519 below YTD Budget. Expenses for December were \$83,731 with YTD expenses of \$1,018,264 which is \$34,170 less than YTD Budget. The income/expense balance for December was \$2,991 with the YTD balance being (\$2,349). We had cash reserves to cover the shortage leaving \$1,643 in reserve going into 2018. Overall the staff did a very good job watching expenses. The only area of concern was HVAC expenses which were over budget by \$5,291. On a positive note, contributions for 2017 were \$286 higher than 2016. Finance tabled approving the 2018 budget until February 5th. In further discussion, Bill reiterated that it is the intention of Finance to hold expenditures to what is given.

In new business Charlie described the preparation for the all church study, *The Wesley Challenge*. He distributed bracelets which will be used to promote the study.

We closed with singing and prayer at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Note this is a week early due to our normal meeting date falling on Ash Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted by: Vernon Sullenger, secretary

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