

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Kathy Perry, Mary Raver, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mark Preis, Kelli Snow, Todd Sprinkle, Vern Sullenger, and Charlie Wilfong.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome and introductions. In the absence of Bree who was ill, Vern read her devotion, Psalm 139, and Charlie gave a brief discussion of it as it relates to our current all church study.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Members of the council shared glory sightings. Todd distributed a magnetic list of the dates of the Last Saturday Lunches as he discussed the success of that program.

Mary reported for Missions that \$1300 of the Christmas Eve offering went to the Bishop's Christmas Offering with the remainder going to Sheltering Wings, Last Saturday Lunch, Lunch Bunch, Family Promise of Hendricks County and Family Assistance. There was \$1620 of alternative Christmas gifts given. Our next Family Promise host date is March 18.

Jennifer reported for the Worship Committee: Classic Worship: This Sunday, Feb. 11, Jazz music and a message about improvising "in the key of love". March 4, Jesus Christ Superstar, the musical, will be presented in both hours of Classic Worship. NewDay Praise Worship: Moving towards the hire of a Praise Worship Leader. Anticipate having that accomplished before the end of February. Lenten Series; 8 Days. Will explore the eight days leading up to Jesus' death as presented in Scripture. Series will be highlighted by an artist on the platform on March 25 to create a piece of art during worship each hour. Will have baptisms and receive new members on Feb. 18.

Charlie and Nikki gave an update on the Transforming for Tomorrow initiative. The January 21 congregational meeting was uneventful. Information was presented, questions answered and no particular objections raised. The next steps are to appoint members to the communications and fund raising committees and to schedule a Church Conference to approve the initiative. Hopefully this will be before March 14.

Bob reported for Staff Parish that job descriptions for Director of Children's Ministries and Praise Music Worship Leader have been revised and approved. Candidates for both positions are being sought through various on line sites. The Director of Children's Ministries salary is \$18,622 and the salary of the Praise Music Director is \$22,000.

In the absence of Paul Schreiner, Mark Preis reported for Trustees that they have been considering uses for the Kelly Property. No internal use has been identified so renting of the property is being considered. A rental property manager has looked at the house and presented a list of items that would need to be done prior to renting the house. Trustees will be evaluating this.

Bill Edie gave the following report for Finance: Income for the month was extremely good for January. Many people were making their 2018 pledges before the end of the year due to the changes in the new tax laws. Income for January was \$142,843. Expenses were normal for January at \$87,628. Balance for January was \$55,216. The General Fund has \$161,128 with total liabilities of \$104,269 leaving a total fund balance of \$56,859. After much discussion Finance established and approved the 2018 budget of

\$1,045,468. Finance presents this budget to Church Council for approval. Vern seconded the motion to approve. After some discussion and clarification this motion passed unanimously.

In New Business Vern moved and Bill seconded that Rachel Jacone be appointed to the Children's Council and Jane Iles to the Trustees class of 2020. Both appointments to take effect immediately. This motion passed unanimously. Charlie requested that all members of the Council have themselves included in the online Church Directory. Elizabeth distributed information as to how to do this.

Charlie closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Vernon Sullenger, secretary

APPROVED MARCH 14, 2018