

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: Nikki Shoultz, Charlie Wilfong, Bill Edie, Bob Montgomery, Jennifer Finesilver, Elizabeth Gilbert, Shannen Shortt, Tony Doster, Mike Simek, Bob Milligan, Kelli Snow, Mary Raver, Mark Preis, Ken Loudenback, Bree Dunscombe, Paul Schreiner, Melissa Shriner, Christie Wright and Kathy Perry.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Melissa Shriner shared a devotion from “my Utmost for His Highest” about the Discipline of Dismay and that we should not seek God for His blessings but for Himself.

Minutes were approved from previous meeting. Moved by Bill Edie, 2nd by Kathy Perry.

Glory Sightings

Lay Leader Reports

Mary Raver – missions – we host Family Promise beginning March 18, due to budget drops the mission committee is considering dropping support of a missionary if needed, the Easter Offering is going to be used to benefit families and children, Imagine No Malaria will happen in June, food drives will happen in May and Nov, Alternative Christmas gifts will be set up late Nov/early Dec, Mission Projects Sunday is set for April 8 and will change format this year from a “fair” display to a “museum” display, there will be a Mission and Justice Summit in Franklin on April 21, the UMW will be having a benefit chili supper on Friday, March 16

Kathy Perry – discipleship – working on putting together a Gratitude Study for use next fall using a book by Kent Millard.

Jennifer Finesilver – worship – Michael Pettry has finished up at PUMC, preparations are being made for Holy Thursday and Easter services

Transforming for Tomorrow Update

- The motion passed at March 11 church charge conference
- The overall conversation was positive
- We were reminded that the projects submitted are not an exhaustive list of things needing to be done but those that will be focused on for this campaign – a growing church will never run out of needed things
- When people give for T4T they will not be able to designate for a specific aspect but only to the campaign as a whole
- There may be a change in terminology concerning the “tier” presentation to make things less confusing
- Names for nominees for the Fundraising Committee were presented and approved (Chair – Bill Edie, Zoe Wiltrout, Jaime Simek, Bob Montgomery) – moved by Nikki Shoultz, 2nd by Kathy Perry
- Elizabeth Gilbert is working on gathering people for the Communication Committee
- Projects Committee will be headed by the Trustees
- Mike Simek was approved to commence meetings as needed.

Staff Parish – Bob Milligan Report

Encouraged by the hiring of Jacob for the New Day Praise worship leader. Jacob is teaching the children a song to be sung on Easter and has volunteered to teach a music arts camp in lieu of VBS this year. Jaime Carini has accepted the position of Interim Music Director while the search for a Music Director is ongoing. The search for a Director of Children's Ministries is still ongoing.

Trustees – Paul Schreiner Report

No new things to report. Evaluations of use for the Kelly Property are still ongoing.

Bill Edie reported for Finance:

The February financials are as follows. Income for February was \$84,718. YTD total income is \$227,561 which is \$53,337 above YTD Budget. Expenses for February were \$91,646 with YTD expenses of \$179,274 which is \$5049 over YTD Budget.

The income/expense balance for February was (\$6,928) but the YTD balance is \$48,288. The General Fund balance sheet has total assets of \$150,725 and the Building and Land balance sheet has total assets of \$4,171,175. The balance on the line of credit for the Kelly property is \$102,035. The Finance committee is searching for someone to do the annual audit.

Next Church Council Meeting will be April 11, 2018.

The meeting was closed at 7:45 p.m. with a prayer by Charlie Wilfong.

Recorded by Mary Raver

Submitted by Vernon Sullenger, Secretary

APPROVED 4/11/18