

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Tony Doster, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Bob Montgomery, Kathy Perry, Mark Preis, Melissa Shriner, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Kelli Snow, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Christie Wright, Judy Heffelman.

In Nikki's absence, Bill Edie opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. John Baer presented devotions titled God's Independence Day by Beth Patch.

Jennifer presented the following report for the Worship Committee: Both Classic and NewDay Praise Worship have celebrated baptisms in the last month, and were pleased to have the children from PUMC's Fine Arts Camp bring their music into worship. Currently in Classic Worship Pastor Charlie is closing a series about the Big "C" Church, examining passages from the book of Acts that speak into the life of the church universal today. And in NewDay Praise, the July series is "Legends of the Faith" in which four characters from the Old Testament are informing and inspiring faith and worship. Looking ahead, on Sunday, July 29, NewDay Praise will host a Back to School Worship Event at 10:00 a.m. out in the south parking lot under the Fish Fry tent. We are inviting the community to join us for backpack and school supply give away, worship and fun. Pastor Elizabeth will share the message with Jen Bigelow, a PUMC member and family counselor, who will provide some practical tools for families as they begin the school year. Coming in August, Classic Worship will see the "Key Lessons from the Old Testament" series. Mike Simek reported for the Transforming For Tomorrow Steering Committee that financial commitments were adequate to proceed with the parking lot resurfacing. Bill Edie reported for the Fundraising Committee that approximately \$286,000 in pledges and gifts had been made during the silent phase of the fund raising. We will begin asking the congregation for gifts on August 5. Mark Preis reported for the Project Committee that they were proceeding with the parking lot resurfacing and seeking bids for the removal of the islands in the parking lot. They also are seeking quotes for an electronic sign. Elizabeth reported for the Communications Committee that the first newsletter would soon be coming out and that the website was up.

Charlie and Jacob reported for Staff Parish that the search for and organist/choir director is progressing. Initial interviews have been held with a candidate who is moving to the area to pursue a doctoral degree in organ performance at IU. We will be bringing him to Plainfield to interact with the choir, play our organ and hold further discussions.

Mark reported for the Trustees that the decision had been made to not do upgrades to the Kelly house but raze it when funds were available. He presented the economic analysis to support that decision.

MONTH	BUDGET TO DATE	CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH	CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	EXPENSES MONTH	EXPENSES TO DATE	ENDING BALANCE	BALANCE CHANGE
JAN	\$87,122	\$142,843	\$142,843	\$87,628	\$87,628	\$56,859	
FEB	\$174,244	\$84,718	\$227,561	\$91,646	\$179,274	\$49,931	(\$6,928)
MAR	\$261,367	\$93,057	\$320,618	\$76,054	\$255,328	\$66,934	\$17,003
APR	\$348,498	\$86,752	\$403,235	\$79,999	\$334,052	\$73,318	\$6,384
MAY	\$435,612	\$65,093	\$472,463	\$79,858	\$413,910	\$58,553	\$14,765
JUN	\$522,734	\$78,986	\$551,449	\$78,589	\$492,449	\$58,950	\$397

Following is the financial summary as presented by Bill Edie:

Under Old Business, Charlie presented the Weekday PUMC Safety Guidelines and Tasks. It was moved by Kathy and seconded by Mark that it be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Judy Heffelman, one of the church historians recently completed a 12 week on-line course for church historians provided by the Indiana Conference. It was suggested in this course that if the church wishes to maintain the pictures, documents, newspaper articles, pamphlets and artifacts that help document our 182 year history we need to gather them into a safe protected environment and properly archive them. A list of basic archival supplies was suggested. Judy requested that a budget line item be established for the church historian funded in the first year to approximately \$650, and that an account be opened with a firm that sells archival supplies. No action was taken by the Council as Bill Edie agreed to take the request to Finance for further action.

Charlie closed the meeting with prayer at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted
Vernon Sullenger, secretary

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