

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Jennifer Finesilver, Tony Doster, Bree Dunscombe, Ken Loudenback, Bob Milligan, Mark Preis, Mary Raver, Ray Shannon, Nikki Shoultz, Mike Simek, Kelli Snow, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong.

Nikki opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 7:05 p.m. Kelli Snow presented devotions titled Star Polisher by Leah Beck.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as presented.

The group shared glory sightings.

Mary Raver reported for Missions: CROP walk will be October 7. Sandy Bennett will be traveling to Sierra Leone August 27 to September 22 to assist with some teacher enrichment and training programs. She will be taking donations of supplies identified in the most recent Circuit Rider. She would also like to take some puppet making supplies. In August school supplies were gathered for local area school children. Imagine No Malaria received \$1214.10. Our next week to host Family Promise is September 9. IPS school #34 will have their first food pantry for the school year August 30. Second Saturday Lunch is underway and could use some more manpower.

Jennifer reported for worship: For August, Classic Worship will see the "Key Lessons from the Old Testament Series". On September 9, we will celebrate a Community Sunday honoring teachers and school workers. October 28 is Consecration Sunday with Dr. Kent Millard as our guest preacher. In the four weeks prior, we will engage a church-wide study and worship series of Dr. Millard's book, The Gratitude Path.

Bree reported for education: The Back 2 School, Back 2 Worship was attended by over 170 people. More than 75 back packs with school supplies were distributed. Additional supplies will be sent to local elementary schools. The dunk tank was enjoyed by the children. We are gearing up for Trunk or Treat on October 28. The month of September is dedicated to community appreciation of teachers, Sunday school teachers and servant leaders. Teacher/volunteer training is in the works. Jacob is working on a volunteer handbook that every children's ministry volunteer will receive. The Weekday Children's Ministry Open House is August 27th and 30th from 5-7:30 p.m.

Mike Simek, Bill Edie and Mark Preis presented the Transforming for Tomorrow update. We now have \$318,500 in gifts and pledges. We have secured a \$500,000 line of credit to use for cash flow management. This does not include the debt on the Kelly property. The electronic sign has been approved by the steering committee and has been presented to the town for approval. We're hoping for a mid October installation. The contract has been signed for the parking lot repaving. That is scheduled to begin August 27. The children will paint a mural on the parking lot before it is repaved.

Mark reported for the Trustees that the islands in the parking lot cannot be removed due to a town ordinance.

Bill Edie reported that 10% of the money received from the Transforming for Tomorrow initiative is going into the major maintenance account. A letter from Conference Superintendent Jim Bushfield thanking us for our connectional tithes was distributed. Following is the financial summary as presented by Bill:

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
JUL	\$609,586	\$76,772	\$628,221	\$74,204	\$566,703	\$61,518	\$2568

Bob Milligan reported for Staff Parish that Simon Pick has accepted our offer as Organist/Choir Director and will begin on September 1. Simon comes to us from Central UMC in Phoenix. He is moving to Indiana to pursue his doctoral degree in organ performance at IU Jacobs School of Music. Bob thanked the search committee for their efforts. Bob also reported that Brenda Barnett has tendered her resignation as Financial Administrator. Bob distributed a job description for that position. A search committee has been formed and has a target of filling the position by September 28. Brenda will continue in her position until the transition is complete.

Charlie reported that the nominations committee has met once and has a second meeting scheduled. Their target is to have a slate of leadership ready for approval at the November 14 Church Council meeting. This slate would then be presented at the Charge Conference November 27 at 7:00 p.m. at PUMC.

Consecration Sunday is October 28. The following names were submitted for the Consecration Sunday committee: Mike Rohrer, Chair, Brenda Barnett, Bree Dunscombe, Bill Edie, Elizabeth Gilbert, Elaine Jacone, Brian Long, Bob Milligan, Jim Rodarmel, Laurie Rohrer, Eiric Shriner, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Kathy Perry, Charlie Wilfong, Zoe Wiltout. It was moved by Bob Milligan and seconded by Bree Dunscombe that this committee be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie closed us in prayer at 8:00 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Vernon Sullenger, secretary

APPROVED 9/12/18