

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

Those present: John Baer, Bill Edie, Tony Doster, Bree Dunscombe, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ken Loudenback, Mark Preis, Mary Raver, Melissa Shriner, Ray Shannon, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Keli Snow, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Bill Edie presented devotions with a theme that God has a plan for you.

Bill then gave the Finance Report as follows:

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>BUDGET TO DATE</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE</b>	<b>EXPENSES MONTH</b>	<b>EXPENSES TO DATE</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>BALANCE CHANGE</b>
<b>JAN</b>	\$87,122	\$142,843	\$142,843	\$87,628	\$87,628	\$56,859	
<b>FEB</b>	\$174,244	\$84,718	\$227,561	\$91,646	\$179,274	\$49,931	(\$6,928)
<b>MAR</b>	\$261,367	\$93,057	\$320,618	\$76,054	\$255,328	\$66,934	\$17,003
<b>APR</b>	\$348,498	\$86,752	\$403,235	\$79,999	\$334,052	\$73,318	\$6,384
<b>MAY</b>	\$435,612	\$65,093	\$472,463	\$79,858	\$413,910	\$58,553	\$14,765
<b>JUN</b>	\$522,734	\$78,986	\$551,449	\$78,589	\$492,449	\$58,950	\$397
<b>JUL</b>	\$609,586	\$76,772	\$628,221	\$74,204	\$566,703	\$61,518	\$2568
<b>AUG</b>	\$696,979	\$78,036	\$706,257	\$79,740	\$646,443	\$59,814	(\$1,704)
<b>SEP</b>	\$784,101	\$74,202	\$780,458	\$84,267	\$730,710	\$49,748	(\$10,066)
<b>OCT</b>	\$871,223	\$73,745	\$854,203	\$85,665	\$816,374	\$37,828	(\$11,920)

Bill also gave the following T4T financial report:

Total cash and pledges: \$430,338.50

Funds held for interest: \$21,196

Funds held for contingency: \$6,000 for the sign & \$30,000 for 1st sealing of parking lot in 2019

Funds moved to major maintenance: \$11,672.65

Funds available for new projects: \$136,831.24

Amount of draw taken: \$82,000 (includes \$6,000 draw for sign)

Number of giving units. 86

Bill and Ray Shannon then presented the recommendations for the pastors' compensation as it will be offered for approval at the Charge Conference. Eligible PUMC staff will receive a bonus of 3% of their salary except Elizabeth and Bob will receive 2% and Charlie 0%. Compensation for the pastors will remain unchanged for 2019 except that Elizabeth and Bob will have their salaries increased to the conference minimum for full time pastors. The proposal was approved by a vote of 11 for and 1 opposed.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as presented.  
The group then shared Glory Sightings.

Following are the Lay Leader Reports:

Mary Raver for Missions—

- CROP Walk had 49 walkers and raised \$3001 (25% of it will stay local).
- UMCOR donations for Hurricane Relief were \$1020
- Alternative Christmas Gifts will be offered again this year
- VIM training took place Sat Nov 10. There were 12 participants a couple of which were from other area congregations.
- Sandy Bennett presented during Preaching Chapel on Nov 11 about her trip to Madina.
- PUMC hosts Family Promise beginning Nov 25. Family Promise of Hendricks County is planning to move their resource center to Plainfield and have put in an accepted offer for a church building on N Vine Street. The new location will provide them with much needed space and allow for future added programming. They have housed 19 families so far in 2018 and served as a resource for many others that have not been "residential" families.

Shannen Shortt reported that GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays has begun. The one on November 11th went well and there is another on December 9th. An anonymous donor has stepped forward to pay the fee for the workbooks for all participant.

Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton reported for Christian Education and Worship Arts—

**Trunk or Treat** - October 28th Marci Davis & Antha McKinney chaired this year's event. We saw an increased attendance by the community, with over 300 kids & families attending the event and 20 family units participating in bringing their vehicles. Following the event, we have launched an email marketing strategy that informs recipients about events happening in Hendricks County, best Thanksgiving recipe ideas, etc. This marketing strategy shows that we are interested in meeting families where they are at rather than pushing an agenda of "come to our church." This strategy came to us via best practices for church outreach.

**KIDS@PUMC** are studying COOPERATION throughout the month of November. The main scripture lesson is based on "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do." Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIV

Utilizing KIDS@PUMC FaceBook page more frequently with family engagement activities or probing questions that help drive dinner time for families that are centered around the KIDS@PUMC monthly theme.

**Worship Arts:**

**Spook-Tacular** - was a well-attended event that included an Orgelkids Organ on display & available for kids to play during the Trunk or Treat. Peter Richard Conte gave an amazing performance that included a silent film that captivated all in attendance.

**Drama ministry** was launched with a powerful presentation during worship on Consecration Sunday.

**Dance Ministry:** We welcomed a dancer from the Indianapolis based dance troupe Dance Kaleidoscope in worship that helped portray the message of The Altar & The Door in both NewDay Praise & Classic Worship. We are quickly launching into another new worship arts ministry through dance with much excitement from our young adults, youth & children.

Nikki reported for the T4T Steering Committee that they will meet early next year to identify next steps and prioritize projects. A master decorating plan will be done so that projects will be done in such a way

that they accomplish the ultimate goal. Bill Edie's fundraising report was given previously. Mark Preis reported that the parking lot and electronic sign projects were complete. Elizabeth gave the following report for the communications committee:

The T4T Communications Committee reports that additional messaging is being crafted that celebrates the completion of the first projects (Parking Lot and Exterior Sign) by hearing from users about the benefits of these improvements. This team also reports that a significant update on T4T will be presented in all adult worship experiences on November 25.

Ray Shannon reported for Staff Parish that Simon Pick and Sigrid Schuld have resigned. Efforts are underway to fill these vacancies.

Mark Preis reported for Trustees that he has received a bid of \$7200 to remove the moveable walls in Clayton Hall. For \$1440 a technician would come and train us to do it. Dumpsters will be needed either way. After some discussion Kelli moved that Trustees proceed to expand the NewDay Praise platform and add a ramp, removing moveable walls as necessary, keeping expenses under a cap of \$3,000 which will come from excess funds yet this year. Nikki seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mark also reminded us that the curtains on the door windows to the various class rooms are part of the "active shooter" procedures and must be left open except in an "active shooter" scenario.

Charlie reminded the council of Bishop Trimble's Call to Prayer and Conversation in the Central District on Sunday, November 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Castleton UMC. The subject is The Way Forward.

In preparation for the Charge Conference which will be held at PUMC on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m., in addition to clergy compensation which was addressed earlier, we unanimously approved the Nominations Committee's proposal and unanimously approved the continuation of Shannen Shortt and Anthony Swinger as Lay Servants as well as the addition of Bree Dunscombe.

Charlie closed the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. by praying the Serenity Prayer.

Our next scheduled meeting is December 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Vernon Sullenger—secretary

**APPROVED 12/12/18**