

**PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Those present: Bill Edie, Elizabeth Gilbert, Judy Karstens, Ken Loundenback, Tamara Miller, Kathy Perry, Mary Raver, Ray Shannon, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Keli Snow, Vern Sullenger, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Charlie Wilfong, Christie Wright, Cherie Wesley.

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:08 p.m. with a devotional that she found on line from Bag Hall Church in the UK titled Journey To Lent.

The March Minutes were approved as presented.

The group shared glory sightings.

**Lay Leader Reports:**

Shannen Shortt—Saturday April 13th, Easter Eggstravaganza. This is a community event with candy, cookies, crafts, photo booth and more. Sunday, April 14th we are having a hospitality appreciation and training. It is a luncheon for all hospitality workers, ushers, coffee workers and greeters.

Kathy Perry reported on activities and programs planned for the month in the Children's programs.

Mary Raver for Missions—Henderson work team is going the week of May 19. UMCOR Sunday was March 31. Budgeted UMCOR money was sent for cyclone relief in Africa and flooding relief in Nebraska/Iowa. The sewing group has received a request from MMDC for a diapers made with a new pattern. PUMC has partnered with and supported Vida Nueva for years. They have now joined with Abundant Harvest UMC, located on Ditch Road. We are evaluating how to proceed with future support. Operation Classroom will begin classes in September 2019 in the Taiama School with academic classes as well as job specific and entrepreneurial endeavors - causing a change in support to scholarships from school supplies.

Easter Offering will be divided among organizations that support families and children. New additions to the regular list include Active Grace, WRE and Kids Connection scholarships. Mission Project Sunday communication went out inviting mission groups to make a poster display. Bags will go out on May 12 for the spring food drive.

Transforming For Tomorrow Update: The Steering Committee will next meet on April 29 at 6:00 p.m. A summary of the fund raising is as follows: Cash and pledges \$459,742 from 101 giving units. Cash received \$189,104. Cash transferred to the Major Maintenance Fund \$18,910. Line of Credit Balance \$12,000. Cherie Wesley reported for the projects committee on the restroom restoration project: Contract signed 3/11, permits submitted 3/15, mold/lead tests completed 4/10.

**Next Steps (during next 3 weeks)**

- Finalize product/color selections
  - Meet with Dene (Interior Design Consultant)
  - Meet with GuyCo

**Begin Work**

- Kitchen Restrooms      5/1 (approx.)
- Small Restrooms      5/20 (after preschool program is out for summer)

Elizabeth reported that communications would continue with posters and regular e-mail updates.

Tamara reported for Staff Parish that the credit card usage policy has been revised and is awaiting approval by the Staff Parish Committee. The Church Council agreed by consensus that Church Council approval was not necessary and that the policy should be administered by Staff Parish. Staff Parish brought a proposal to offer a 403b retirement savings plan to all non-clergy employees. Ray Shannon seconded the proposal and it was approved unanimously.

Bill Edie reported for the Finance Committee that Brian Larcum completed the annual audit in one day using a team of volunteers. This process worked well and plans are to do the same next year. John Baer will write the audit report using the notes from the volunteers. Finance Committee is planning to put the annual Ministry Budget into a narrative format for easier understanding. This should be completed by summer. Following are the monthly financials.

MONTH	BUDGET TO DATE	CONTRIBUTIONS MONTH	CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE	EXPENSES MONTH	EXPENSES TO DATE	ENDING BALANCE	BALANCE CHANGE
JAN	\$83,820	\$123,055	\$123,055	\$83,877	\$83,877	\$39,178	\$29,909
FEB	\$167,640	\$82,372	\$204,427	\$82,862	\$166,739	\$37,688	(\$1490)
MAR	\$251,460	\$95,910	\$300,337	\$85,253	\$251,992	\$48,346	\$10,658

Under New Business Jacob reported that considerable work has been done to restructure the Children's programs to be more integrated into the church's business and accountability structure. Under this structure there will be less compartmentalization. The memorandum of understanding with each program has been revised to reflect these changes. Jacob will secure the necessary signatures for each of these documents. Charlie offered the following names for midyear election to the Children's Council. From Kids Connection: Tom Iles (treasurer), Stephanie Cary, Jennifer Woodard, Jennifer Blackburn. From Preschool Programs: Jean Sanders (treasurer), Nicole Rongo (secretary), Julie Shipp, Sarah Whitfield. These nominations were approved unanimously.

Elizabeth shared a report from Google which gives us statistics regarding the number of searches, requests for directions, website visits and calls for PUMC in the month of March.

Keli reminded us of the Hospitality Lunch and Training planned for this coming Sunday.

The next meeting is scheduled May 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted by:  
Vernon Sullenger, secretary

**APPROVED 5/8/2019**