

PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MINUTES OF Oct 15, 2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Those present: Stephanie Kirkling, John Baer, Jen Finesilver, Bree Dunscombe, Hannah Wiswasser, Ken Loudenback, Kimberly Meyer, Kathy Perry, Mark Preis, Nikki Shoultz, Shannen Shortt, Mike Simek, Vern Sullenger, Judy Karstens, Charlie Wilfong, Kay Korty, Ray Shannon, Tony Doster, Mary Winters, Dan Kinnamon, Jacob Tipantasig-Wolverton, Zoe Wilttrout, Christie Wright, Bob Pruesch, Tamara Miller indicates present at meeting

Nikki opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

.. Kimberly Meyer presented the devotion: "Better to Light a Candle Than to Curse the Darkness"

The group shared Glory Sightings.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Lay Leader reports were made as follows:

Kay Korty for Missions:

- **Weekly Food Drive** continues on Sunday (11:30-1:30) & Monday (3:00-5:00) with curb side donations, then weekly deliveries. If you can help with collection or deliveries, please let Ken Loudenback know. New helpers are needed! Collections are expected to continue through October.
- **Feeding the Homeless:** Our crew now has access to a clothing center in downtown Indy to help those in need. Also old wax from candles are being collected to remake into new candles for the homeless to use during the dark, cold months ahead. Please put old candles in the marked container in Donation Depot.
- **St Mark's food pantry** continues to need on Tuesday to pack food boxes and on Wednesday morning to distribute food in the drive by pantry. Food boxes are heavy! Contact Ted Underwood to volunteer and/or see the information below for further needs/opportunities. St. Mark's Lions Den on Wednesdays-PUMC regularly preps and distributes lunches on the second Wednesday every month! Contact Sue Schultz or Martha Roath to volunteer or donate desserts. Yesterday over 90 meals were prepared and distributed. Inside dining has not yet resumed.
- **SSL and LSL:** About 250 meals a month are sent out through our Saturday feeding programs! IPS#34: Eleanor Skillen School#34 thanks PUMC for continued support! Please contact Jeanne Milligan to volunteer or donate.
- **Family Promise/ Stability Builders Network:** Family Promise will be hosted by PUMC during the week of Christmas (December 20-27)). Listen for further plans! Families are no longer being housed in the Avon UMC house, but have moved to Springwood Suites.
- **CROP Walk** was October 4 at 2:00 p.m.! About 12 walkers gathered and walked at the location near the aquatic center, and others walked in other locations! Donations are currently over \$800 with more coming in!
- **Dr. Manyeza**, our missionary in Sierra Leone with whom we have a covenant relationship, has received FULL funding for this year! Madina School & Clinic: We got the word from Madina that ALL 40 students of Class Six passed the National Test. All will be able to go on to Junior Secondary School!!! A score of 230 is passing and the LOWEST Madina score was 288!
- **Prison Re-entry Program:** Men's clothing, luggage, backpacks, sports bags, totes, etc. may be left on the rack at the west end of Donation Depot.
- **African University:** Students live at the university, but most classes are using eLearning during COVID.
- **UMCOR** funds are currently distributed by direct donations to the conference affected. Advance special numbers are no longer being used.
- Next Missions Area Work Team meeting will be October 27, 2020. The team is working on their 2021 budget. If someone says they are bored, disconnected, feeling useless

during the pandemic, please provide them with a copy of the missions brochure which contains many mission opportunities and contacts!

Jen Finesilver for Worship

- On October 25 we will celebrate Consecration Sunday when we will consider the spiritual question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give in support of PUMC's ministries?" We will also have the opportunity to complete a digital Estimate of Giving card at pumc.org/estimateofgiving.
- In Classic Worship, the series for Advent will be entitled, "God Moves In." We will be exploring what it means for God to live among us--to be incarnate--in the person of Jesus Christ.
- For NewDay Praise, the series for Advent will focus on finding God and Advent in the messiness of our lives and this pandemic.
- We are planning Christmas Eve worship now and anticipate offering several services in the evening via livestream to help with the limited seating capacity as a result of social distancing.

Ray/Zoe for Endowment:

- **MISSIONS FUND:**

Asset Fund balance as of 8/31/20 \$14,308.15

Money Market Fund available for grants in 2020 as 8/31/2020 \$ 2,258.55

- *Purpose of fund according to the Endowment Charter:* Income from this account shall fund missionary support, work camps, special missionary projects locally and beyond, and other projects and missions which may be recommended by the Missions Committee from time to time.

- **MEMORIAL FUND:**

Asset Fund balance as of 8/31/20 \$49,496.32

Money Market Fund available for grants in 2020 as of 8/31/20 \$ 1,506.12

- *Purpose of fund according to the Endowment Charter:* This account will receive gifts to the Fund, which are not designated for a particular purpose or restricted in any way by the donor(s). Income from this account will be used to fund the ministries or missions selected by the Endowment Committee.

- **WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS FUND:**

Asset Fund balance as of 8/31/20 \$44,714.62

Money Market Fund available for grants in 2020 as of 8/31/20 \$ 6,101.20

- *Purpose of fund according the Endowment Charter:* Income from this account will be used to enhance the Worship experience of PUMC which may include enhancements provided through Music and the Arts. Use of funds may include, but is not limited to, musical instrument replacement or major repair, additional instruments, music leadership, choirs, special programs, and drama.

- **CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND:**

Asset Fund balance as of 8/31/20 \$00,000.00

Money Market Fund available for grants in 2020 \$ 000.00

- *Purpose of fund as per the Endowment Charter:* Income from this account will provide funds to increase participation by, and expand services for, youth in worship, education, and fellowship as well as support development of Christian youth in other ways recommended by the PUMC Church Council, Children's Council, or Youth Council. Youth are considered those persons age 23 and under.

- **BUILDING AND GROUNDS FUND:**

Asset Fund balance as of 8/31/20 \$00,000.00

Money Market Fund available for grants in 2020 \$ 000.00

- *Purpose of fund according to the Endowment Charter:* Income from this account will provide for capital improvements, major repairs, equipment, furnishing, and decorations for any properties owned by the church.

Kathy for Education:

- All adult Sunday School classes can meet in person in the church building. To do so, they must go through Brent, wear masks, and practice social distancing
- Four small groups in the church wide study – led by Charlie, Hannah, Shannen, and Lynn Blosser. In addition, most adult SS classes are participating – approximately 80 participants total
- Looking at study possibilities to begin in January

Kimberly Meyer for Transforming for Tomorrow:

- Painting continues in the Narthex – received donations of paint
- Pursuing grant for furniture

Tamara for Staff Parrish:

- Staff Parish met on Tuesday, 9/29th. We worked on a recommendation for Pastoral increases. At our meeting in October, we will finalize those recommendations and the rest of our budget, which should remain primarily flat.
- We are also looking for ways to recognize staff for 2020 and potentially some volunteers.
- We are hoping to meet in person next time, but playing it by year.

Mark for Trustees:

- Shingle replacement completed – in a holding pattern to see how the motion on the loan proceeds
- No additional mechanical issues at this time
- Kelly property – waiting still to hear from the town of Plainfield to determine if we can retain access to Carr Road. Nikki will query the town attorney

Mike Simek for Finance:

Basic Ministry Budget Report to PUMC

Church Council

Year to Date, as of 9/30/20

Annual Budget Total: \$970,644

Year to Date

9/12 of Annual Budget:	\$727,983.00
Contributions:	\$730,713.15
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$681,294.18)</u>
YTD Balance	\$49,418.97

Month of September

1/12 of Annual Budget:	\$80,887.00
Contributions:	\$71,133.79
<u>Expenses:</u>	<u>(\$74,036.24)</u>
Month Balance:	(\$2,902.45)

Submitted by: Michael Simek

Date 10/15/20

- Consecration Sunday
 - 10/11 testimonies were delivered in Worship Services
 - Step up chart on will be presented on 10/18
 - Letter set out from Charlie and Nikki about Consecration Sunday to the church
- Budget of salaries and benefits will be discussed at 11/11 Council meeting. This will be based on results of Consecration Sunday estimates of giving.

Old Business:

Church Conference Motion discussed through 3 Town Hall meetings

- First meeting – 6 attendees, Zoom meeting – 6 attendees, 10/14 meeting 6 – 8 attendees
- Last 2 meeting had zero comments and questions. First meeting had questions concerning roof, components in replacing HVAC, Kelly property, , how would selling the property improve loan situation.
- Superintendent has said we are posed to proceed – Church Council should formally vote to approve motion
- Kathy Perry moved to accept the motion, Tamara Miller seconded, one question of clarification an additional meeting was mentioned for 10/18, what is the impact of the error? Will be verbalized on Sunday that there is no meeting,
- Nikki called for the vote the motion passed unanimously.
- Voting for church members at the Charge Conference will be on Wed 10/28 in drive through format. If passed, work to secure the loan will proceed immediately.

New Business:

- New Endowment fund for maintaining the pipe organ – under final review
- Help needed for Charge Conference vote on 10/28 – contact Brent
- Email preference to Nikki for meeting in person or meeting on Zoom

Charlie closed meeting in prayer.

submitted by:

Kathy Perry—secretary

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