

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 17, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastors Grace Imathiu and Sarah Meachem, Rich Fleming, Ollie Taylor, Lynn Pries, Chris Garofalo, Joyce and Al Brunsting, Dale Zimmerman, Richard Kaffka, Paul Dude, Susan Keaton, Michael Wu, Beth Hagemeyer, Adam Cook, Brenda DeGeer, Janet Eifler, Pat Becker, George Groves, Mark Overstreet, Gary Chipman, Jim McCloud, and Jennifer Weddle.

Chairperson Rich Fleming gave **the opening prayer and welcome** at 7:00. Joyce Brunsting and Rosemary Zimmerman were thanked for providing the delicious cookies!

The **minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting were approved** as submitted.

NOMINATIONS: Nate Burke (Trustees), Mike Wu (Foundation), and Janet Eifler (Youth Council) were welcomed as new members of Church Council, having been elected the representative by their respective committees. Joyce Brunsting, Chairperson of Nominations, also reported that Lisa Nikitas (Missions) Thomas Gebe (Trustees), and Debbie Craig (SPRC) have become members of their respective committees. The Foundation recommends that a search for a qualified treasurer of the Foundation needs to begin. New members of the Church Council (or those serving in a different capacity were as follows: Jim McCloud, Rich Kaffka, and Ed Cotner (at large) Susan Keaton (Rep to Annual Conference/Librarian) George Groves (UMM) and Mark Overstreet (Stewardship).

The Nominations report was accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: With a very large amount of donations in December, the total revenue for 2016 was nearly \$797,000, as compared to a budget of \$774,000. Total expenses were \$722,000, under budget by \$43,000. All categories were under or on budget, with the exception of insurance expense (less than \$500 over budget.) Net revenues in excess of expenses were \$75,000. **BUILDING FUND**—Revenues for the year were \$835,000. Since the start of the fund in 2013, a total of \$1,003,000 has been pledged/donated. **MORTGAGE**—CUMC paid down \$16,500 of principal in 2015 and the balance was \$218,500 as of December 31, 2015. **Net asset balances** were as follows: **Operating Fund** was \$159,000; **Building Fund** was \$729,000; **Trustee Fund** (no revenues or expenses in 2015) was \$34,000, for a **total** of \$922,000. **Temporarily Restricted Funds** ended the year with a balance of \$16,500. Financial statements have not yet been completed but are in process. The church is **approaching three months of operating expenses in assets**, which has been a suggested goal.

Paul Dude moved and Dale Zimmerman seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: The Finance Committee presented detailed figures of a revenue budget and detailed figures of an expense budget. Chairperson Paul Dude moved **the acceptance** of those figures, making the **Operating Fund Revenue Budget a total of \$809,315 and the Operating Fund Cash-Outlay Budget a total of \$809,218**. Motion was seconded and carried. The 2015 and 2016 Stewardship Campaign Committees were both commended for their excellent work as well as the Finance Committee. Following a discussion, the Finance Committee spoke of their intention to move toward a 2017 budget based upon a strategic plan.

A discussion of the **Youth Budget** led to the following clarification: The ceiling for the Youth is \$19,000. The youth receive \$9,000 from the Operating Funds and are expected to raise the other \$10,000 themselves. It was suggested that an emphasis be placed on what Youth Group means to the young people as a means of raising funds.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Construction documents are being prepared. **The following schedule is hoped to be maintained:** Mid-March, review documents; March 28 finalize construction documents; After approved the bids go out to subcontractors on April 4; April 26 bids due to General Contractor; May 2 bids reviewed; May 9 bids awarded; May 16 construction begins. A plan to **accomplish asbestos abatement** is in process. A big thanks to Rich Kaffka for his help in this effort. **Staff will be relocated:** Plan to move pastors to 201 and the rest of the staff to 102. Kairos will move back to the stage. The General Contractor is finalizing the plans to move/shut down areas of the church as construction proceeds. The Administrative Assistant (Suzanne) will be aware of changes to facilitate scheduling meetings, activities, etc. Obtaining **the building permit** from the City of Naperville is the only foreseeable delay element in the process at this point. **The needs for the new nursery** were reviewed by Beth Hagemeyer. **The boiler** will be completely gone by the end of Phase III. At the completion of the current Phase I, the first floor and the addition will be handled by the new heating system. We will pray that the boiler continues to function. **The entire project will be bid out;** this will be valuable information as the campaign to fund Phase II will begin after the completion of Phase I. With the completion of the entire outside structure, there will be no need to go through the Naperville Planning Commission for Phases II and III. Exact figures needed to receive a **line of credit** with Naperville Bank and Trust will be ready by May 16. A discussion about working together with the General Contractor and the subcontractors ensued. One of the reasons the Building Committee hired David Schultz as the architect was the concept of **Open Policy**, a triumvirate of the architect, contractor, and Building Committee all working as a team at every step of the process.

ROUNDTABLE: UMM—Bill Denwood was elected Aurora District Prayer Advocate; there will be a Listening Session Saturday, February 28, in Barrington. **MISSION**—Collection of items to aid refugees was accomplished; many new members are participating in the mission activities. **YOUTH**—a junior high book club has been started and a Dungeons and Dragons group has been initiated. (D&D is a board game.) **CHILDREN**—Activities for youngsters began on Ash Wednesday and are continuing through Lent. **FOUNDATION**—Mike Wu expressed thanks to George Groves for help in the transition from George's to Mike's leadership of the Foundation. The entire Church Council also expressed their appreciation to George's dedication to the Foundation. The work of the Foundation does comply with UM social principles. There was a question of reporting results as compared to benchmarks of investment companies. In future benchmark results may be given quarterly. **LIBRARY**—Upon the retirement of Forrest Rice, Susan Keaton and Kim Jackson Petrella have become co-chairs of the Library Committee. The library has been well organized. The question of how to choose new items for the Library was brought to the attention of the Church Council. A survey may be developed and suggestions were welcomed. **PASTOR SARAH** —The Easter Breakfast may be catered at a suggested cost of \$7.00-\$9.00. Rich Kaffka suggested he may be willing to subsidize the cost of the breakfast. It was suggested that no food be served in Sunday school classes (if they even meet.) **MUSIC**—Chris Garofalo reported that Good Friday will be a joint service at CUMC with tenor Henry Pleas and the congregations/choirs from Wesley and UCC joining us. On Easter Sunday the Grant Street Quartet will be joining us in worship. On Sunday, May 15, 3:00, Henry Pleas, Dr. Sylvia Pleas (storyteller), and Chris Garofalo will be presenting DEEP

RIVER, A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. **EVANGELISM**—Four hundred cards were sent out as invitations for Christmas Eve services. 566 adults attended the services. Something similar will be done for Easter. Members are encouraged to be welcoming and to register their attendance at worship. Evangelism has received suggestions from new members and will follow up on the suggestions. They are calling on first-time visitors the very afternoon of the first visit. More name tags and greeters are needed.

MEMBERSHIP—The annual report on new members, deaths, baptisms, weddings, deletion of “missing” members, etc. is being prepared. Creation of a realistic membership list is being attempted. (Adult children of present members is one of many complicated situations.) More information (date of birth, occupation, etc.) would be useful. **PASTOR GRACE**—7:00A.M. worship services are offered during Lent. 6:30 P.M. Bible studies are offered Tuesday night during Lent as well as the small group discussions following the Bible study. A confirmand will be baptized Sunday. Mary Ellingson’s life will be celebrated May 21. A homeless gentleman who received help from CUMC wrote a note of appreciation and suggested that he may soon not be homeless. Pastor Grace is going to Ivory Coast to build relationships with her fellow Africans and will be dealing with the LGBTQ issue. This is a pre-conference of the General Conference. Pastor Grace is asking for our prayers. AMEN.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 13. 7:00

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Sarah

Adjourned at 8:38.

Respectfully submitted by Oliver Taylor, who has an even greater appreciation of Sally Hines!