

Community United Methodist Church  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 8, 2016

**Members Attending:** Al Brunsting, Nate Burke, Gary Chipman, Ed Cotner, Brenda DeGeer, Paul Dude, Rich Fleming, Chris Garofalo, George Groves, Sally Hines, Kim Jackson-Petrella, Rich Kaffka, Mary Markwell, Jim McCloud, Mark Overstreet, Lynn Pries, Betsy Roche, Ollie Taylor, Pastor Leo Waynick, Mike Wu, Nikki Young.

Chair Rich Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed Kim Jackson-Petrella from the Library Committee and Interim Pastor Leo Waynick. Rich then led the opening prayer.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved and entered into the record.

**Finance:** Finance Chair Paul Dude reported that the 2014 audit is now on the Finance Committee's web page. The person who did that audit is not able to audit the 2015 books but the Chairman of the Accounting Dept. at North Central College, who is a church member, has volunteered to handle the audit at no cost and will have some of his students assist with it. Paul and Treasurer Brenda DeGeer will meet with him and decide if that will work. The audit will take place in the fall.

Brenda reported that unpledged giving is over 3 times what it was last year at this time. Revenues are ahead of last year. Net income is at \$88,100 compared to the budget expectation of \$32,840. Overall we are in a very strong position at the year's midpoint. Program expenses were up because the Youth program has a lot of expenses early in the year. (see report)

**Staff Parish:** Chair Betsy Roche welcomed Pastor Leo and asked him to say a few words about himself. He spoke briefly about his background and experience. He has been overwhelmed by the warm welcome he has received from the church. Betsy explained that part of Pastor Leo's compensation is in the form of a housing allowance and she reviewed the policy which requires formal documentation of a housing allowance designation. Betsy put forth the following resolution (seconded by Ollie Taylor):

**Whereas, Pastor Leo Waynick is compensated by Community United Methodist Church of Naperville exclusively for services as a minister of the gospel; and whereas Community United Methodist Church of Naperville does not provide Pastor Leo Waynick with a parsonage; therefore, it is hereby resolved, that the total compensation paid to Pastor Leo Waynick for the period August 1 – November 14, 2016 is \$12000, of which \$3,000 is hereby designated as a housing allowance.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Betsy welcomed Kyle Markwell as the new OnCenter Music Director. She also thanked Nikki Young for everything she has done this summer as an intern. (See report.)

**Building Committee:** Al Brunsting filled in for Chair Dale Zimmerman and reviewed the detailed report. The Building Committee has agreed they do not want to add to our current debt. Therefore an alternate plan is being considered. Of the \$2M raised for the project \$1.5M remains after architectural fees and the cost to get city approval. The office complex is smaller in the new plan and the Nursery will not be moved. Al thanked Paul Dude and Brenda DeGeer for their work on the financial summary. Phase One of the alternative plan involves trading the Parlor for a Welcome Center which will easily guide new people to the Sanctuary. This phase includes Sprinkling the rest of the building and heating and air conditioning upgrades. The Building Committee still must approve the plan and having the architects draw up plans to be put out for bids. We need an accurate estimate of the project cost for us and for the bank. There was a discussion - questions were asked and ideas expressed. It was mentioned that some people are questioning why we have the exterior staircase which is costly and some people feel not necessary. The current staircase does not have fire exits and that is a problem. Pastor Leo suggested we should not sell the program on the basis that the church will do a phase 2 because in his experience they don't come about. Al said the committee plans to start a list of considerations for what comes after this. The anticipated next steps were laid out including a second round of bids, a total

project cost budgeted, and the Building Committee, Church Council and congregation reviewing and approving the plan before the project starts. Members have inquired about the possibility of going back to the congregation to ask for more money. Al reported that we will have a timeline when we get further along. Brenda said the money we raised for the renovations cannot be used for any other purpose. Al took notes of the questions and discussion which he will review with Dale. (See report.)

**Stewardship:** Co-Chair Mark Overstreet said he has had a preliminary meeting with Pastor Leo and Commitment Sunday will be on Nov. 6th. The campaign will launch on Oct. 1 & 2. The theme is “Making a Faith Connection. The Chairs of Council Committees will talk to the congregation about why they are here and the stories will be told in many ways.

**Lansdale parsonage:** Council Chair Rich Fleming said that last meeting the issue of whether to keep or sell the Lansdale parsonage had been raised and he and Betsy Roche (SPRC chair), Nate Burke (Trustees Chair) and Brenda DeGeer (Church Treasurer) had met at the parsonage, gotten input from several people, talked to a realtor and reviewed the issue with District Superintendent Dick Wisdom. If the parsonage were to be sold then a housing allowance would be provided. District Superintendent Wisdom believes we should keep the parsonage to attract an associate pastor. Selling the property would need the approval of a Charge Conference, the District Committee on Buildings and Locations and the District Superintendent. The money from the sale could only be used to purchase another parsonage. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of a potential sale. The District Superintendent indicated he would not approve the sale. For the present time we will keep the Lansdale parsonage.

**Round Table:**

- Mike Wu reported that the Foundation has a new director named John Sims who has an accounting background which will be very helpful.
- George Groves thanked the congregation for their support when the Rev. Dr. Mark Hicks preached last week. About \$1000 was raised which will pay for a Disciple class at the St. Charles Illinois Youth Center.
- Nate Burke received confirmation that the boiler had been repaired today. The Trustees are looking at some interior renovations at Lansdale.
- Chris Garofalo mentioned the Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> TreDiva concert.
- Lynn Pries talked about the “Community in Action” event Nikki Young helped organize for Sunday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> to encourage children, youth and adults to become involved in the life of the church. There will also be a potluck brunch for kids, youth and families held outside on that day.
- Kim Jackson-Petrella said a survey will be taken to find out what people want in the library before the committee buys new books and updates the collection.
- Mark Overstreet said we need to make sure we have a target for the Stewardship campaign so he is going to ask that budget requests be in by Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Paul Dude said that the Finance Committee is revising their budget approach because they felt it did not go well last year since they had to have a second campaign to meet the budget requests.

Rich Fleming closed the meeting by thanking Nikki for her service and the council applauded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. (See additional reports for Christian Education, CUMC Foundation, Music, Sr. Ministry, and UMM).

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hines, Secretary