

Community United Methodist Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2017

Members Attending: Pat Becker, Al Brunsting, Joyce Brunsting, Nate Burke, Gary Chipman, Brenda DeGeer, Paul Dude, Rich Fleming, George Groves, Sally Hines, Kevin Markwell, Mary Markwell, Jim McCloud, Lynn Pries, Pastor Tom Rawlinson, Ollie Taylor, Jennifer Weddle

Chairman Rich Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

The Minutes for the February 15, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected. The meetings of the April 5, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Finance: Treasurer Brenda DeGeer reviewed the Financial Report. Only 2 months were available for review. Both Pledged and Unpledged giving are below budget but expenses are below budget as well so the deficit is not as bad as it might be. Our net income is \$19,000 behind last year and we have 2.9 months of operating cash on hand. A question was asked about why the income was behind and Brenda said we would have to look further to determine that. She did note that prepays were down at the beginning of the year. Paul Dude said the Finance Committee would look into the reasons behind the decline in income at the next meeting. (See Treasurer's Report & February Financials) The Treasurer's report was approved.

Staff Parish: Chair Betsy Roche reported it had come to the attention of the SPRC that the tax burden for Pastor Tom for the Lansdale parsonage was twice that for his previous parsonage. In order to offset this tax burden SPRC would like to propose an increase to his base pay. From a budget perspective SPRC is not requesting any additional funds but will be making adjustments to a few line items in their overall budget to cover this increase.

Motion: Betsy moved that Pastor Tom's annual base pay be increased by \$2,160 for a total annual base pay of \$42,160 retroactive to January 1, 2017. Motion passed.

Building Committee: Kevin Markwell reported that the bank had approved the funding based on the recent appraisal. The Contract has been signed by Nate Burke, Chair of the Trustees, and the General Contractor. The permitting process is underway and should take about three weeks. There will be a pre-construction meeting to determine the schedule and the information will be communicated. No money will be taken out from the loan until the \$1.1M on hand has been used. The 18 month term starts when we begin drawing against the funds.

Round Table:

- Lynn Pries reported that the Evangelism Committee will be meeting with Pastor Tom in May. They have a study book they are using.
- Nate Burke reported that we may see activity around the building in preparation for the renovations.
- Jennifer Weddle reported that UMW will hold their annual collection on Mother's Day.
- Mary Markwell said that Annual Conference is coming up in June and asked people to let the team attending to know if they have thoughts on any issues.
- Pastor Tom thanked the SPRC and the Council for the salary increase to provide tax relief.
- Gary Chipman asked the members to let him know if they are aware of any people who are moving.
- George Groves reported that UMM is having a gathering in Indianapolis July 7th.

- Pet Becker said that 14 people worked on the Habitat for Humanity house and there are two more events coming up on May 27th and July 22nd.
- Ollie Taylor received an email from the Bishop about the Bishop's Appeal at the Annual Conference which will raise funds to combat AIDS. There will be information sent out about this and about collecting for hygiene kits.
- Joyce Brunsting suggested we let her know if we know of anyone who might be interested in participating on any of the church committees.
- Betsy Roche said Staff Parish is in the midst of completing the forms for the Charge Conference.
- Paul Dude thanked Brenda for all the additional work she's been doing because of the renovation project.
- Sally Hines reported that the Hunger Commission had sent over 1500 packets of seeds to the CHA senior garden project and collected over \$4,200 for Heifer.
- Rich Fleming said he is looking for participants for the PADS Bowling Tournament at Fox Bowl in Wheaton on April 22nd. He needs 2 more people.

Pastor Tom led a closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hines
Secretary

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