Community United Methodist Church
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2025

Members Attending: Evie Burke, Sarah Cline, Rich Fleming, George Groves, Katie Lapham, Sally Hines, Emily Les, Mary Catherine Long, Deacon Sharon Rice, Pat Steinhaus, Pastor Jacob Tipitansig-Wolverton, Amanda Zigterman, Zach Zigterman

Deacon Sharon Rice opened the meeting with a devotion at 7:00 pm. Chair Rich Fleming invited the members to share "God Up Moments."

MINUTES: The minutes for the August 14th meeting were approved with corrections.

FINANCE: No report.

TRUSTEES: Nate Burke reported that the workdays were really good. They spread a lot of mulch outside. We will be bringing back the temporary heater again this year. We are very close to getting the final proposal signed for the HVAC system and on getting financing arranged with the bank.

SPRC: Zach Zigterman said that thanks to the Foundation money has been provided for bonuses for the staff which will be distributed on December 14th. There will also be a staff appreciation cake. SPRC has begun discussions about the budget for next year.

CUMC FOUNDATION: The Foundation's endowed funds just passed $500k. At a recent meeting, because of market growth, it was determined we will be able to make the following disbursements to the church in the first quarter of 2026: 1) $15,300 to the operating budget 2) $3,600 to the music program 3) $2,300 from the building fund to the Trustees for a total of $21,200. We also dispersed money from a bequest invested in a money market fund. The bequest for $286,682.33 included a gain of $7,944.22 which was 2.85% over 8 months with an APR of 4.3%. Brad Donaldson has withdrawn his name for Treasurer of the Foundation and board member. There is a need for two new directors. The Paul Schwab Memorial Scholarship fund has $13,000 in it. Pastor Jacob has asked for funding to attend a Rise Institute conference which he found extremely valuable in the past.

MOTION: George Groves moved we approve providing Pastor Jacob with $1,000 for his continuing education. Motion passed unanimously.

FAITH FORMATION: Emily Les reported that family activities are planned for Advent. The Organ spooktacular and Trunk or Treat were very successful. A family event is planned for a trip to Cosley Zoo to see the Nativity animals. On Dec. 21st a group is going caroling and will visit homebound residents.

OUTREACH: Amanda Zigterman reported that the Hunger Commission food drive received 1776 pounds of food for Loaves & Fishes. A total of $8,810 was donated to the Crop Walk with 30 walkers from CUMC. The Hunger Commission is looking into other needs related to hunger. A monthly outing to Feed My Starving Children is possible plus a Loaves & Fishes volunteer outing. Upcoming: the Heifer project, a Jan. 25th food drive, Souper Bowl Sunday, Feed the Need and the spring Seed Drive. Missions donated $3,000 to the Bishop's Appeal for Immigration and $500 for a meal at Downers 1st UMC community kitchen on Nov. 6th. The Missions committee heard a presentation by Chad Pedigo on Interim Housing Center Needs. They are considering Faithful Neighbors which involves adopting a guest room and are considering collaborating with the Center Street Closet. Youth/Confirmation will

take on providing Kids Snack Bags for Unhoused Ministries. Upcoming is a Hesed House meal on Nov. 24th and Kids Above All Holiday sponsor a child.

WORSHIP: Katie Lapham said the Welcome Committee is doing really well. They are filling in for greeters and people who pass out the bulletins.

Zach Zigterman said we need a policy about responding to ICE. He and Pastor Jacob will meet to discuss this issue before moving forward. There has been a problem with the back stairway. It is currently locked down because the insurance company told us to do that to prevent someone entering from the back. There are concerns based on what was in the news about the Mormon church attack and the children at the Catholic school. How do we keep people safe? The Trustees will discuss these issues and create a policy. The issue of communication was raised. How we communicate to members is important.

DEACON SHARON: There will be a Longest Night service on Dec, 20th at 5 pm in the chapel. There is a program at Grace Church about grief and the holiday season on Sunday. Confirmation is going really well. There have been great discussions. They will be going to Beth Shalom on Dec. 19th.

PASTOR JACOB: Worship is spiritually vital to our growth. He asked us to be present in worship. How are we caring for one another? When you hear about someone in the hospital it's important to let the church know. We need to check on each other. Call others when they are missing. The Finance Committee is working on policies around donor restricted funds…stewarding our money in the most responsible way. He would like to see us do more with partnerships like the PADS dinner for 200. We are going to put Missions in the budget for next year. He will continue acting as Worship Director for the conference and will be on the board of directors for United Voices for children. He is also building a relationship with the North Central chaplain.

Pastor Jacob closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Hines
Recording Secretary