

SUGAR CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP TEAM STATUS NOTES
March 2019

Treasurer's Report: (Lois Frazee)
See separate report.

Care Giving: (Pat Lucas)

The Caregiving Team met March 5th. The card ministry includes birthday, anniversary, and get well, and encouragement cards that continue to be sent to those in our congregation. The homebound also receive holiday cards and copies of bulletins. Stamp donations have recently been received and are greatly appreciated.

Communion visits for March are scheduled for six members. A Care Giving Team member accompanies Pastor Paul.

Chair yoga continues to be held on Monday or Wednesday mornings with a steady participation. The idea of having an additional class on evenings is being explored.

The team was updated on the status of our homebound and those having surgeries, injuries, and other hospitalizations. Meals continue to be delivered on Wonderful Wednesdays in addition to other days for those in need because of health issues. Prayer shawls made by women in our church are also delivered to those experiencing health issues. Care Giving is looking at ways to support the costs for the prayer shawls.

An update on the church's mission outreach, "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" was given to the team. The next Pre-K support group will be meeting on March 19th and two Sugar Creek sitters are needed for each of the 9:30 and 1:30 times. Sugar Creek continues to have volunteers sign up for the Kindergarten Academy which work with kindergartners for reading help. A date will be set soon for a presentation by the Chatham Fire Department on "Fire Safety".

Education: (Terri Boyd)

Finance: (Steven Chase & Pat Wright)

The team met March 14, 2019. Members present were Pastor Paul Dinges, Clark Germann, John Anderson, Bob Gruen, Steven Chase, and Pat Wright. Guest in attendance was leadership chair, Bill Allbright.

Devotion and prayer by Pat Wright from Max Lucado titled "Do Our Prayers Matter" from his book "He Still Moves Stones".

Pat Wright reported that Holly Taylor had completed the audit required by Illinois Great Rivers Conference. There were some concerns as she did not receive all the required items needed to do a proper audit. A letter will be sent to each treasurer of the organizations in the church and what will be required next year for 2019 audit. Discussion on getting a profession audit for the 2019 fiscal year. Pat Wright to get estimates or an approximate cost of a formal audit from local audit firms on what an audit would cost.

Discussion was held on the church treasurer position. First, it was recognized that Lois Frazee, current church treasurer, is retiring. She said she will stay as long as it takes to fill the position. It was stressed how greatly thankful and appreciative all are for her many years of service. Discussion on a few ideas of how to proceed. 1) Contract an outside firm. 2) Bring finances in house (church office) on a dedicated computer/laptop with church owned finance and payroll software. Contract an individual to be the bookkeeper. Find a volunteer of the church to be the church treasurer that can oversee the bookkeeper, sign checks, attend leadership meetings, etc. That will give a check and balance to the financial procedure.

Decision was made to go with contracting a person and bringing the finances in house. Clark Germann to talk to Jim Legg to see if he knows a trustworthy person(s) to contract for the bookkeeper position. Pat Wright to talk to Holly Taylor and/or Jeff Koch to see if she/he is interested in the church treasurer position in this capacity.

Small discussion on security and the consultant's presentation held the past Monday evening UMM meeting.

Pastor Paul closed with prayer at 7:45 pm.

Hospitality:

Missions: (Shelly Lewis)

SPPRC: (Kay Ealey)

We will meet in early April, date TBD. At this meeting, we plan to finish our job descriptions for the staff and the Pastoral Assessment.

Trustees: (Kevin Jones)

Meeting was held March 12th. New business included:

- 1. Annual insurance review with Kathryn and Gail – Grinnell insurance*
- 2. Plan spring work day at church and parsonage. Work day is scheduled for Saturday April 6th. Plans are to start at 9:00 AM and will work through mid afternoon as needed. More information will be coming soliciting volunteers for this day.*
- 3. Additions to our proposed 2019 project list. Discussed funding and priorities. The parking lot pavement repairs are a top priority.*
- 4. Discussed the Monday night safety meeting. Thoughts on moving forward. Kevin will follow up.*

Also a Savings Account under Trustees has been established for Capital Expenditures outside the ordinary budget. Opening balance is \$8,000.

UMM: (Jeff Koch for Gail Cannedy)

Thirty six members and guests were present Monday evening March 11th for pizza from that famous Italian restaurant Casey's. Following pizza, the group moved to the sanctuary for a timely program on safety and security, for individuals, as well as for considering security/safety changes at SCUMC.

Worship: (Cindy Chase)

Youth Ministry: (Robyn McDonald)