

The United Methodist Church of Evergreen
Church Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2019

Attendance:

David Loomis - Church Council Chair
Deb Olenyik - Pastor/Chair of Nominations
Matt Sailor - Finance Chair
Bill Graf - Missions Co-Chair
Ruthanne Huber, At Large
Jim Ament - Library
Penn Gildersleeve - Trustees Chair
Janice Vickery - Lay Care Representative
Michael Eaton - Missions Co-Chair
S.T. Womack - Endowment Fund
Lynn Womack
Joyce Snapp
Sarah Sailor - Youth and Children
Andrew Zapotoczny - SPR Chair

Dave Loomis called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Minutes of April 7 meeting were approved as written.

Finance - Matt Sailor - We're behind a little due to people who have left the church and also insurance payments/deductibles (\$6,000)

Operations Reports

Pastor's Report - Pastor Deb - Feeling very good about the energy of the church; just reaching my one-year anniversary here at UMCE. This has been a good year! Thank you for welcoming me.

-- Membership Changes - As of July 14th, two families have transferred into UMCE and one couple by Affirmation of Faith; one child baptized. There are currently 211 active members, 64 constituents, 62 children and youth (includes confirmands). Average Sunday morning attendance Jan - Jun 19 is 114. There are no other membership changes.

Lay Leader - Jeanne Ambrosier - Jeanne spoke of an opportunity for us in September (Sep 7) to participate in an event to be coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce and

Rabbi Jamie: "Sacred Space". Sacred Space - Open Doors--something good to promote the ecumenical spirit in Evergreen. This would be like an open house for us and the community. We could showcase The Barefoot Mile during our open house. The Courier will be doing a piece on this. Jeanne motioned that we participate in Sacred Space; the motion was seconded and approved.

Trustees - Penn Gildersleeve - Trustees completed a new Building Use Contract, Kitchen Usage Special Requirements and the Fee/Donation schedule. It is cost competitive and will ensure guests do not create extra custodial work. Trustees have adopted these guidelines including a JEFFCO Sheriff's office suggestion that only two persons will have the code to the side door. The JEFFCO's Sheriff's office also performed a walk-through of the building and grounds. Some suggested items would cost a lot; some not so much. Motion detectors and alarm system would be about \$5,300. Video cameras would be about \$8,800. Penn and others also met with a representative of Safety in Faith Coalition who also toured the building and provided a lot of information on non-gun safety and training suggestions. Pastor Deb attended a Red Cross safety in churches presentation and prepared the "Proposed Basic Emergency Action Plan for Sunday Mornings for UMCE." Greeters and ushers will definitely benefit from some awareness training. Trustees will review all the information and suggestions and provide feedback at the next Trustees meeting. Penn said awareness is best.

-- The Safety and Faith Coalition coordinator for a Denver church also met with us and did a walk-through of the building and grounds to give us his suggestions on improving the safety of our church. He gave us a 15 page report. Some of these items would not cost a lot and two others would be very expensive. Motion detectors and an alarm system would be about \$5,300; video cameras would be about \$8,800.

Endowment Fund - S.T. Womack - Meets quarterly; no changes and nothing to report.

Program Reports

SPR - Andrew Zapotoczny - Project planning for next year is soon. SPR is on break for the summer. Allison is doing a good job fitting in.

Membership - Jim Ament - We had a good "Church at the Ranch" this year, but we met in the church because of rain. The proposal is to move the date of this yearly event from June to late July or early August next year due to the weather. No conclusion reached as yet.

Nominations and Leadership Development - Pastor Deb - This group meets in the fall. No report until then.

Social Media Activity - Bill Graf - The new website looks great. Thank you to Allison for all her work on it. Many capabilities are yet to be explored regarding audio/visual capability. Other churches are using Facebook Live, live streaming, and podcasts. Bill is feeling behind right now and said if he does not progress, we'll need someone else to move ahead.

Library - Jim Ament - Library is being worked on.

Youth and Children - Sarah Sailor - The youth are doing well. Only two weeks until this year's Mission Trip to "Heifer International" in Perryville, Arkansas, which will be July 27 - Aug 3. We have 22 people going, which includes 6 to 7 adults. We will be caring for livestock and crops and working with other youth groups, but we will be bunking just with our group. VBS did very well this year with our new format--attendance was almost doubled. Sarah wrote the curriculum--rather than purchasing one and used old song and music she's used before and saved money. Sarah has received a lot of positive feedback. Sunday school attendance is down. Fall Festival is being planned with some changes. It's going to be a combination of carnival games and Trunk or Treat as well as the Fall Festival activities--it will be new and exciting. It's scheduled for mid-October.

Missions - Michael Easton - Michael reports that the Missions Team does not meet in the summer. Our next meeting will be in September. The Guatemala group has returned from the English Camp in and had a remarkable time with the children there. The EChO lunch program is underway for July and August; Ruthanne Huber is the lead.

Lay Care - Janice Vickery - The casserole committee continues to keep the freezer refreshed. Prayer Chain and Card Warriors continue as always. Everything is running smoothly.

Worship - No Report

United Methodist Men - The UMM will be meeting on the second Saturday of the month. It should be an interesting program: "Sasquatch".

Church and Society - Bill Graf reported that the "Barefoot Mile" was a great success and Jan Thurling was amazing in getting everyone organized. Money is still coming in for Joy International. They've received \$19,000 and are hoping it will grow to \$20,000. Jan did an outstanding job.

Pastor Deb closed the meeting with a prayer. Next meeting is October 13.

Respectfully Submitted
Janice Vickery (substitute)