

Ocean Park United Methodist Church

Church Council – July 12, 2019

Start time 9:00 am

Participants

Janet Askew

Diane Buttrell

Jeff Danks

Sturges Dorrance

Mary Evelyn Long

Merri Johnson

Kathy Olson

Ken Olson

Paul Stevens

Kim Stevens

Mike Neuschwander

Pastor Denise Westfall

Council Visitors: Mary Cook, Gayle Larke, Hal Buttrell

Our facilitator Kathy Olson, led us in prayer and we opened with a thoughtful discussion on why we are serving in our church and on the council.

Officers and Committees reports:

The simplified structure of our committees will be discussed fully at another meeting.

A Guiding Principles Draft revision was discussed. The Council unanimously approved that the position of Treasurer will not be required to be a member of the Church but this decision may be revised if replacement is necessary in the future. Jeff Danks will continue to be our voluntary Treasurer.

Unfinished Business

Finance

Jeff has spent time gathering information on the multiple accounts and presented documents on budget and accounts. This info may be available on request by members. The final 2018-19 financial information will be available by the next council meeting. Jeff is also working on implementing QuickBooks in the near future. The signature updates for the bank and credit union accounts have been submitted by Jeff Danks and Kathy Olson. We owe all our Church financial folks (past and present) a big thank you for all their hard work toward up to date information.

With our cost savings reductions of staff in place, a discussion about the need for a volunteer to serve as a correspondence secretary off and on during the year. This may include writing and posting a letter or card thanking Church donors, volunteers and others, as requested by the pastor. This will be presented as a need to the general membership. Christine Young volunteered to make some cards using a church photo.

New Business

Trustees

Parsonage update: Mary Cook gave us additional information on the Parsonage. The renters will be moving out at the end of August. The Council will need to give thought as to what to do prior to this time, under the constraints given for the Parsonage use.

A discussion occurred about the new keys for the locks. It was suggested that a master list be kept of keys given to church members. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Church to-do-list will be on the agenda at our next council meeting.

Finance

A Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive was discussed. This needs more discussion for plans in the near future. It was discussed what additional percentage of support is needed to balance our budget.

The Council voted and passed the motion to use the income account of the Velander Foundation to pay for our outstanding apportionment payment for the year. This will put us in good standing for this year as we work on our budget issues. Jeff Danks will work on this and report on progress at the next Council meeting.

A Stewardship Campaign and Pledge Drive will be a discussion topic at our next Council meeting.

Structure and Ministry

The Council agreed to add one additional monthly meeting to continue our work towards fulfilling needed Ministry as well as Structure issues for our church. The Council will meet every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 9:00 am.

The next meeting will be held Friday, July 26 at the Church.

Adjournment was at 10:30 with a closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Janet Askew, Council Secretary

