

Ocean Park United Methodist Church

Church Council September 13, 2019

Members Present

Janet Askew
Diane Buttrell
Mary Evelyn Long
Mike Neuschwander
Kathy Olson
Ken Olson
Cat Shaver
Larry Shaver

Also Attending: Sturgis Dorrance, Gayle Larke, Larry Cook and Mary Cook, Mary Evelyn Long

Opening

Kathy Olson facilitated this meeting since Bob Young was not in attendance. The meeting opened at 9:00. The minutes from the August 23 meeting were unanimously approved. Minutes are published on the Church website for all to read prior to the meeting.

Unfinished Business and Needs

Finance

Jeff was unable to attend but Cat reported that the September income was \$1,692. Jeff will report at a future meeting.

The council is proposing that the payment of the OPUMC apportionment for this year (2019), as well as next year, be withdrawn from the Endowment fund. This will put us in good standing with the District council. The interest payment from this fund should be revised to allocate 60 percent of the interest to our operating fund and reinvest 40 percent. The Council recommendation will need to be presented at the Charge Conference on Nov. 10.

Church Foundation

A representative from Bergeman Construction will be meeting at the Church on September 27 at 11:00 to give us an estimate on possible work needed to fix foundation issues. Questions may be given to Bob Young who is the church contact prior to this meeting.

Parsonage Team update.

The team (Larry Cooke, Mike Neuschwander, Bob Young and Larry Shaver) gave a report on the pre-inspection walk through of the Parsonage property. There was a list of minor maintenance issues that was presented. The Parsonage Team felt that many of these issues were ones they

were willing to complete. The council approved the team to perform any of these repairs and report back with any additional repairs that may need professional expertise or require more funds.

The discussion on the Pianist and Choir Director will be tabled until the next meeting on the 27.

Church Keys: The updated list of key holders is located in the Church Office.

New Business

Charge Conference

The charge conference will be held in Castle Rock, WA on November 10. Pastor Denise will present any Church council requests at this conference.

Cat and Larry visited with a homeless person that has been sleeping on the church back porch. The council voted and passed a motion to look into possible ways to provide a temporary shelter at our church.

Ministry

Mary Evelyn presented a list of needs in our community that our church might support.

Some were short duration projects that the council would like our church to look into supporting.

These ideas were:

- A. a Trunk or Treat program for Halloween,
- B. Care and Outreach items
- C. a video series presented for the community to attend –“Drive-Through History”, “Gospels in Holy Land”, etc.
- D. Signs on Church (update and new placement)

Other ministry needs could be starting and hosting a Christian Daycare at our church or providing and supporting a homeless shelter. The council voted to look into what steps are needed to provide a daycare program at OPUMC and to support the short term projects as listed with interested members of our church. More information will be brought up at future meetings.

Next meeting

Friday, Sept. 27 at 9:00 am

Closing

Pastor Denise closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Submitted by Janet Askew, Council Secretary