

Ocean Park United Methodist Church

Church Council September 27, 2019

Members Present

Janet Askew
Diane Buttrell
Mary Evelyn Long
Mike Neuschwander
Cat Shaver
Larry Shaver
Bob Young
Pastor Denise Westfall

Also Attending: Hal Buttrell, Gayle Larke, Larry Cook, Mary Evelyn Long, Kim Stevens

Opening

Bob Young opened our meeting at 9:05. The minutes from the September 13 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 Danks has resigned as treasurer as of the end of the month, due to new job obligations. Cat reported that the September bills have been paid.

Pastor Denise has volunteered to look into the process needed to use the Velandar/ endowment fund to pay for the OPUMC apportionment for this year (2019), as well as next year, as well as other changes. She will report on findings at the next meeting. These changes will need to be presented at the Charge Conference on Nov. 10.

The finance committee recommended that we engage a CPA/bookkeeper. Cat and Diane presented a list of local agencies. The council voted to have the finance committee engage Laura Past of Ocean Woods Bookkeeping, if the committee approves.

Church Foundation

A representative from Bergeman Construction will be meeting at the Church on September 27 (today) at 2:45 to give us an estimate on possible work needed to fix foundation issues. Recommendations will be presented at a future meeting.

The question of blue prints or any building information was brought up. Larry Cook said that he would inquire about this.

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Parsonage Team update

The team (Larry Cook, Mike Neuschwander and Bob Young) gave a report on the maintenance issues. The council commended them on the repairs completed. There are additional repairs for the team to perform and they will report back.

The OPUMC Church Council unanimously voted to deny parking or storage of any unlicensed/not usable/junk cars or RVs on Parsonage property. The parsonage team will bring to a future meeting ideas on using an outside Property Manager.

The Choir Director and Pianist position will continue as previously set.

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 reported that the homeless person has apparently found alternative housing and hopes for a new job in our area.

OPUMC CC Structure

Council membership

Selection of new Council Members will continue to be by nomination and a staggered term limit will be employed. More discussion on the specifics will be at a future meeting. We have 9 council members and Pastor Denise, at this time.

Membership

Larry Shaver and Pastor Denise will work on a possible directory for contacting members.

Ministry

Mary Evelyn presented information on starting and hosting a Christian Daycare and providing a Warming Center at our church.

Janet Askew and Mary Evelyn gave information from different county officials. Randy Irwin, from the county, will look at our church to see what he would advise. He is meeting M.E. at the church at 11:00 on Monday Sept. 30 .

Warming Center information was given to M.E. from Peninsula Poverty Response leaders who ran a similar program and have experience. They would like to partner with us in running this program if we choose to continue. An example of a guest agreement was presented and this program would run during the winter month only.

Trunk or Treat plans and information on a Care and Outreach meeting will be discussed at the next council meeting.

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Signs

Merri and M.E. have contacted Donnie Sartwell to see if he could hang an OPUMC sign on the south side of the Sunday School building. An addition of an arrow toward the church on a street sign will be looked into.

The council discussed limiting the council meetings to the 2nd Friday of each month with the 4th Friday meeting only on an as needed basis.

The Church Council will host a potluck and information giving luncheon on October 11, 2019. At the next meeting we will determine who will present on the various ministries that are taking place.

The council decided to pursue becoming information regarding becoming a Reconciling Ministry Network church. “**Reconciling**” is meant in a very general term, meaning there are many ways we need to be reconciled. In particular, we will begin the process of education to become of the RMN of the UMC, which openly welcoming the LGBTQ+ community.

Next meeting

Friday, October 11, at 9:00 am

Closing

Pastor Denise closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting adjourned at 10:40

Submitted by Janet Askew, Council Secretary on 9/27/2019