

Pastor Denise Westfall
"The Little Grey Church by the Sea . . ."



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Ocean Park United Methodist Church

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Church Council meeting via Zoom Nov. 2, 2020

Council members attending:

Diane Buttrell

Sturges Dorrance

Kathy Olson

Ken Olson

Diane Buttrell

Cat Shaver

Larry Shaver

Kim Stevens

Bob Young

Janet Askew

Pastor Denise Westfall (attending half the meeting)

Meeting started at 3:00pm and ended at about 4:00 pm.

The council members helped with providing information for the Pastoral Leader and SPRC/ PPR form required by the District (prior to the pastor joining the meeting). Cat Shaver will submit the written form to the District by the December deadline.

Pastoral Contract

It is resolved that the church council accept the raise (information given by the district) for a halftime pastor total salary \$21,817. The council will also request the reappointment of Denise Westfall as pastor of Ocean Park United Methodist Church for the 2021-2022 year. This motion passed unanimously. This will be presented at the annual charge conference with the congregation and our district superintendent, Kathleen Weber.

The financial secretary gave an update of the available funds for the church. \$ 56,057.63. The income continues to be about 50% of average monthly donations prior to the shut-down.

Pastor Denise will remind the AA group of the need to carry out any garbage, due to no trash collection at the church.

The charge conference will be held on Nov 3 via zoom. It will include the congregation in a vote about selling the new parsonage as part of the business meeting.

Minutes submitted by Janet Askew, council secretary

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Ocean Park United Methodist Church Annual Charge Conference
November 3, 2020 Via Zoom

Council meeting: 3:00 pm

District Superintendent: Kathleen Weber

Church Council: Ken Olson, Kathleen Olson, Larry Shaver, Cat Shaver, Sturges Dorrance, Diane Buttrell, Bob Young, Kim Stevens, Denise Westfall, Janet Askew (secretary)

Kathleen Weber opened the meeting at 3:00 with a devotional and a prayer. The council gave reasons for its decision to request the reappointment of Denise Westfall as the half-time pastor of our church at the district salary suggestion. A discussion of challenges and positive outcomes for our congregation this past year occurred. The District will be reducing our apportionment amount for 2021 by 10% to help with any church financial struggles. Future issues were also discussed.

All Congregation meeting: 4:00 pm

Church Members attending (17): Kathy and Ken Olson, Kim Stevens, Sturges and Pam Dorrance, Diane and Hal Buttrell, Larry and Cat Shaver, Bob Young, Joy Weber and Marilyn Sheldon, Merri Johnson, Denise Westfall (pastor), Dobbie and Lila Wiegardt, Janet Askew
With Kathleen Weber (D.S.)

Business Meeting

All of the following issues were discussed and decided with the congregation:

Resolved: to accept the following roster of officers for the simple-governance, church council for 2021: Diane Buttrell, Sturges Dorrance, Kathy Olson, Ken Olson, Mike Neuschwander, Cat Shaver, Larry Shaver, Kim Stevens, Bob Young, and Janet Askew as council secretary. This motion passed unanimously.

Effectively immediately on November 2, 2020, Larry Shaver was voted by the Charge Conference to take the position of Trustees Chairperson.

Resolved: to offer Pastor Denise the half time pastor position at OPUMC for the 2021 year for the total of \$21,817 (Starting January 1, 2021). This motion passed unanimously.

Resolved: to continue to support Kathy and Ken Olson as OPUMC lay ministers for the year 2021. This motion passed unanimously.

Our church completed our accountability questions as given by the District Superintendent, Kathleen Weber. The church has completed a 2019 audit, carried insurance, has a safe church policy with background checks as stipulated. OPUMC has committed to paying 100% of our apportionments during 2020.

New Business:

To consider the sale of the new parsonage on U street. This has been discussed with the church membership by sending out information on line and by written mailings from the church council members. A phone call was made by council members to all active members on our

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church roster and all feelings were solicited and questions were considered. Almost all contacted had positive comments.

Resolved: to sell the property on U Street (known as the new parsonage) and invest the proceeds in the NW Foundation Fund In a separate account.

Discussion: The use of this fund would not be for regular church budget items. It may be used for improving buildings, or providing housing or an allowance for housing for the pastor. The Wiegardt family was thanked for the original donation of the new parsonage property.

This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 4:50 with a prayer.

Kathleen Weber presented a power point presentation of “Dismantling Racism”. It was a thought provoking discussion of inclusion in our churches. A step towards this suggested we look at the art we display in our churches.

Minutes submitted by Janet Askew, OPUMC council secretary