

**Church Council Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2018**

Members present: Pastor David Parker, Bob Wallin, Susan Schopf, Joyce Atkinson, Stina Queeno, Erin Tombaugh, Julie Palmer, Jun Sapida, Linda Jury, Marti Russell, Marali Woessner, Jerry Grunwald, and Jim Slowik

Members absent: Lanida Brophy, Cameron Cecka

Non-Members present: Margaret Mordhorst, secretary, Ann Oldham, Rawson Mordhorst

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and welcomed new members to the council: Linda Jury, Jun Sapida, Marti Russell and Joyce Atkinson.

Marali Woessner opened with devotions based on Matthew 5: 14-16 followed with prayer.

The minutes of the council meeting held November 27, 2017, and the All Church Charge Conference held December 3, 2017, were approved.

No changes were made to the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

PASTOR'S REPORT/CALENDAR

A copy of the Update from Pastor David Parker dated January 22, 2018, is attached marked **Attachment 1**. He reviewed several of his activities including planned outside lighting upgrades, a fun evening Epiphany dinner party with staff, helping Jun with recruiting kitchen helpers, and planned absences due to his daughter's wedding and reception.

A church calendar was not available. An addition was made: Linda Jury, Susan Schopf and Pastor David plan to attend Roots and Wings on February 24, 2018, in Marysville. When received, a copy of the calendar will be attached as **Attachment 2**.

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Lay Leader—Susan Schopf

No report.

Worship Team – Joyce Atkinson

The team has not met as yet this year. The Sacristy was cleaned and rearranged.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- Planning for the contemporary service, praise band, chancel choir and handbells continues. New members for each ministry were welcomed and more are needed.

Youth/Family Ministries—Erin Tombaugh

- Advent to Christmas was very successful with 35-40 in attendance.
- The Christmas Eve play was also successful and well received.
- Beginning planning for VBS 2018. Resources will be shared with other area churches.
- The Youth had a great overnight in Bellingham with broomball, worship, games and fun.
- A youth trip to Leavenworth is planned for February 2-3 and will be hosted by the Cecka family at the UMC there.

- Summer mission trip to Cortez, Colorado is being planned. A fund raiser will be held in March.
- February 11 is Youth Sunday. The youth will plan and lead the service. It is also Boy Scout Sunday.
- Reviews for the nursery staff will be February 5. Comments and feedback are welcome. Jerry Grunwald complimented the nursery staff. He has not heard any negative comments.

Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer

- The team has not met yet this year.
- “Souper Bowl” Sunday soup drive will be held on two Sundays in February.
- Lenten soup suppers are being planned. They will start Ash Wednesday, February 14, at 5:45 p.m. This will have an impact on the Family Group that meets on Wednesday.
- Mary Williford is searching for other churches to host The Haven. Several are considering it. The size of the homeless group is has become an issue. Some of the smaller churches cannot host groups larger than 20. She is asking this church to consider hosting again in the winter months.
- The Haven has hired additional help to be in attendance through the night. Only one volunteer will be needed. Also, they have agreed to allow the homeless to help with set up and other maintenance duties.

Membership and Evangelism – Jun Sapida

- The team has not met yet, but has been working to learn the responsibilities which are numerous. Additional members are needed.
- Additional kitchen training sessions will be held.
- Team members are encouraged to help in the kitchen, perhaps as a team project.
- There is a plan to advertise in Whidbey Almanac; awaiting budget information.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Linda Jury

- New Liaisons to staff have been assigned.
- Last Tuesday the team met for Pastor David’s review. Lots of good comments were received.
- Staff reviews were held today and tomorrow.
- The team is working to resolve an issue of tax responsibility for Erin’s housing accommodations. A group consisting of Jim Slowik, Jerry Grunwald, Linda Jury, Susan Schopf and Connie Leonhardi was formed to research the facts and requirements and resolve the issue in fairness to all parties.

Trustees – Marti Russell

- The lease for the copier is expiring and decisions need to be made as to the best way to meet the needs of the church. Trustees and Finance as researching the options.
- The property tax exemption request has been submitted.
- A new storm door and a new dryer have been installed in the Scott house.
- A past-due bill for security cameras installation has been paid and accounted for in 2017. An additional \$5,000 is due.

UMW – Marali Woessner

- At a UMW meeting recently held, 22 attendees agreed to stay under the UMW umbrella of the church. Next month will be a program on Social Justice.
- The UMW Board will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. and the general meeting will be on the 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald

- Jerry presented the Finance Report—a review/critique of the 2017 budget reporting it to be a good news/bad news report. He noted that without a significant one-time contribution to the current expense account by a church member, expenditures would have been \$3,000 over budget. He noted that teams need to be more aware of how they spend their budget money and plan ahead for their

larger expenditures.

- The 2018 Stewardship drive was very successful with \$384,000 pledged.
- Anticipated “loose plate” offering is estimated and is not a fixed amount

Treasurer—Jim Slowik

- Jim gave Jerry Grunwald Kudos for his hard work and analysis.
- A proposed 2018 budget was distributed and reviewed. Lengthy discussion followed with questions and clarification. Neither endowment funds nor designated funds received are included.
- Jim Slowik moved and Marali Woessner seconded the following motion:

MOTION: That the 2018 budget of \$424,911.00 be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously. A copy is marked **Attachment 3** to these minutes.

Conference Representative—Susan Schopf

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Safe Kitchen Policy.**

Linda Jury had previously made an OHFUMC Kitchen Manual dated January 2018 available to members for review and revisions were made. She asked for further changes; none being received, Linda moved the following motion; Erin Tombaugh seconded:

MOTION: That OHFUMC adopt the Kitchen Manual dated January 2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A copy is attached as **Attachment 4** to these minutes.

- **Fire Safety.** It was reported that visible fire exit restrictions are needed on the entry to the hallway from Centennial Hall to the outside stair exit from the kitchen. The following motion was made:

MOTION: That signs be posted to keep the area clear to the hallway exit door in Centennial Hall near the kitchen. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Leadership Fair.**

Bob suggested that a Leadership Fair be planned in March where each team would supply a display with information and opportunities for their team during the fellowship time after service. March 11, 2018 was the suggested and approved date.

- **Better Communication.**

Facebook pages have been created for both the Church and the Youth. Emily Cavell has agreed to maintain the church page. Current pictures of church activities and church people doing things are requested on an ongoing basis.

- Bob Wallin and Pastor David will plan a meeting soon with the architect regarding the property and building footprint drawings that were prepared some months ago.

Pastor David closed the meeting with prayer at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst
Recording Secretary

Attachment 1: Pastor’s Activity Report dated January 22, 2018

Attachment 2: Activity Calendar

Attachment 3: Budget for 2018

Attachment 4: OHFUMC Kitchen Manual – January 2018