

Church Council Minutes Monday, January 23, 2017

Members present: Pastor David Parker, Bob Wallin, Janann Roodzant, Dea Hansen, Erin Tombaugh, Julie Palmer, Linda Dady, Susan Schopf, Ken Opdyke, Jerry Grunwald, and Jim Slowik.

Members absent: Lanida Brophy

Non-Members present: Joyce Atkinson, Margaret Mordhorst, secretary.

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with devotions and prayer.

The minutes of the meetings held October 24, 2016, and November 28, 2016, were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- A training session in CPR will be scheduled.
- An evacuation drill during church service is being planned in May.
- A clean-up of Smith Park will be planned in conjunction with the all-church grounds cleanup prior to Easter. The Boy Scouts will be asked to help as a public service project.
- Roots & Wings will be held in Marysville on January 28. Attendance is encouraged; bus or van transportation was suggested.

PASTOR'S REPORT AND CALENDAR

- An activity update dated January 9, 2017, from Pastor Parker was received prior to the meeting and a copy is filed with these minutes. He reported the following additional activities:
 - ✓ Attended an Oak Harbor School district gathering of non-profits
 - ✓ meeting with new attendees
 - ✓ A 6-month employment review was conducted by SPRC.
 - ✓ Started a new men's group meeting on Saturday mornings for coffee to help establish relational friendships.
 - ✓ Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting.
 - ✓ Conducted small group leadership training.
 - ✓ Continued with church logo development and selection plans.
 - ✓ Assist with plans for the 125th anniversary plans, to include encouragement of re-establishment of relationships with prior pastors.
 - ✓ Christina (Stina) Queeno, new Director of Music and Musical Arts, attended the staff meeting this week. Her first Sunday will be February 5. Members were asked to help and encourage Stina to move into congregational life.
- Portrait sessions for a new church directory will begin this week.
- On February 12, John Decker will offer a musical presentation in Centennial Hall.
- Men's and Women's Walk to Emmaus weekends will be held in the church.
- A Ministries Fair is being planned February 12 after church services.
- A membership orientation class is being planned for March.

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

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Lay Leader—Janann Roodzant

- Janann commended members for their work in keeping things operating smoothly.
- Plans for 125th party are taking shape. Help is still needed with clean up and contributions of food.

Worship Team – Dea Hansen

- New members are needed on the team.
- There is a need to accurately determine the actual cost of supplies to enable better budget planning.
- The team has discussed handicapped accessibility, painting the wing walls and potential decoration on the wall behind the pulpit.

Family Ministries – Erin Tombaugh for Lanida Brophy

- ADVENTure to Christmas was successful as a Friday night event.
- New members are also needed for this ministry team.
- The team is beginning to think about Vacation Bible School plans.

Youth—Erin Tombaugh

- During her holiday time off, Erin attended a youth ministry conference in Dallas, Texas. Speakers, bible studies, discussions and presentations were very beneficial. Networking and best practices ideas were highlights. Empowering youth in leadership was a focus.

Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer

- Upcoming events were discussed by the team: “Souper” Bowl Sunday, Lenten soup suppers beginning March 1, Ash Wednesday. New members of the Task force were present.
- Members of the Homeless Task Force discussed finding concrete ways and plans for the church to move forward. The first step is the collection of warm coats for the schools. Jim Slowik reported that 53 coats have been delivered to the District together with hats, gloves and sweaters. The Family Promise program is also being considered.
- Pastor Parker’s participation in the Lenten Soup Suppers was discussed. Family small groups also meet on Wednesday with his participation and leadership.

Bob Wallin noted that a report to the congregation is needed to assure that the task force is moving forward on the homeless issue. The council discussed the various questions and opportunities for housing, i.e., the Christian School and other vacant buildings in Oak Harbor and the sources and availability of funds. A letter from Mary Williford was referenced in which she cited that FUMC has historically been a leader on community outreach. The next Whidbey Coalition meeting will be January 30 at this church. Members of the task force will follow up with further research on the Christian School, the Family Promise program, and response to Mary Williford’s letter. A notice will be put in the *Twin Flames* about the ongoing activities of the Task Force.

Membership and Evangelism -- Linda Dady

- Team has decided to have a Mother/Daughter breakfast on Saturday, May 13. Roses will be distributed to women on Mother’s Day, May 14.
- A performance of The Covenant Players will be scheduled in sometime in March after the 125th celebration.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Susan Schopf

- The employee assessment of Pastor Dave has been done this week. Staff members will be

assessed this next week.

- Stina Queeno needs a new laptop and software compatible for music to be funded from the office equipment funds.
- The team is working on revising the Staff Benefits and Policies Handbook. Linda Jury is taking the lead.

Trustees – Ken Opdyke

- Installation of basement carpet will now move forward, with an estimated amount needed as soon as possible to claim it in the 2016 tax year.
- An electrician is needed to replace lights in Erin's office.
- The team is working on accessibility issues.

UMW – No report.

Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald

- The Stewardship Campaign numbers results were similar to last year. 48 percent pledged; 52 percent not pledged. We are dependent on loose plate giving to complete the budget.
- A request of the conference has been made for continuance of the 10 percent grade point adjustment in apportionments for the year 2017. It is intended to repay this amount in June if the increase in giving continues and makes it possible.

Treasurer—Jim Slowik

- The proposed budget allows for \$372,346 income and \$375,299 expenses for 2017, a \$3,053 difference. This includes the 10 percent grade point adjustment which has not yet been approved by the conference. The Finance Team is confident that this is a workable budget.

MOTION: Jim Slowik moved acceptance of the budget as presented, a copy of which was available to council members.

The motion was seconded. After discussion and questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Erin requested that the funds allowed for children, youth and family ministries be separated into different categories to better track funds and allow designated gifts. The budget will be amended to include these categories.

NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Bob Wallin

- Joyce Atkinson reported on the team's work on new communication procedures including new logos, visual art and the website. They are testing at a new web site provider with a more up-to-date, more versatile and fresher look. Examples of the proposed new logos were distributed. A presentation will be made to the council in the future.
- Janann Roodzant presented information on the Watoto Children's Choir which is doing a tour of the U.S. They would put on a concert at the church and receive proceeds of a love offering. Host homes would be needed. The Lutheran Church has been involved with and sponsoring this group for a number of years and we might team with them for the presentation.

MOTION: Janann moved that we and invite the Watoto Children's Choir to present a program at our church. Jim seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- A Team Fair is being planned for February 12 following church services. Teams are encouraged to prepare individual displays showing the activities of their team with the intent to attract new interest in participating in the leadership of the church and actively

asking the congregation to get involved. It should be made a fun and interesting event.

- Bob Wallin is asking some local architects for ideas and recommendations to improve our facilities.
- Bob requested that team leaders submit the minutes of their meetings to him within two weeks after the meeting to provide him time to prepare the council agenda.
- Jim Slowik clarified and apologized for some misinformation formerly given on the new minimum wage that became effective January 1, 2017. It is \$11.00 per hour and is reflected in the budget.

Prayer concerns:

Linda Jury's mother is at the end of her life.

Phyllis Quinn had a fall.

Harris and Sue Eloh

Julie Palmer's mother,

Betty Lafayette has passed away.

Jacqui Landry, knee surgery

The next regular meeting will be held February 29, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Pastor David closed with prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst
Recording Secretary

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