

**Church Council Minutes**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

Elected Members present: Bob Wallin, leader, Susan Schopf, Jim Slowik, Nicole Rogers, Jan Hayes, Linda Jury, Jerry Grunwald, Marti Russell, Marali Woessner, Phil Hunsberger, Hannah Rogers, Jill Jackson, Margaret Mordhorst, secretary

Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Pastor David Parker, Erin Tombaugh, Christina Queeno

FUMC Governing Bodies: Dan Wright, Endowment /Building Fund Leader, Joyce Atkinson, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Guests: Rawson Mordhorst, trustees

A special session of the Council was called to order at 6 p.m. to review and evaluate the book "For a New Generation—A Practical Guide for Revitalizing your Church" by Lee Kricher. Each member had been encouraged to read the book and come to the meeting prepared to discuss the ideas presented. Pastor David had asked five members to present a synopsis of one chapter at the meeting. He opened with a review of the Introduction and Forward.

Discussion followed. Recognizing that change is very difficult, it was agreed that changes need to be made to revitalize our church for the future, reach young adults and their children and maintain our established core beliefs. Steps to accomplish this were discussed. A guiding coalition was formed from volunteers: Phil Hunsberger, Hannah Rogers, Nicole Rogers, Susan Schopf, Jan Hayes, Jill Jackson, Erin Tombaugh, Marti Russell, Linda Jury, Marali Woessner, Stina Queeno and David Parker.

Ideas were suggested for reasonable next steps: Develop a strategy, include the congregation, and develop a timeline for action. The coalition will meet to develop a plan.

The special meeting was closed.

Bob Wallin called the regular meeting of the Council to order at 7:15 p.m. Jill Jackson (Worship Support) and Nicole Rogers (Family Ministries) were welcomed to their first council meeting.

**AGENDA:** Dan Wright asked to give his report early in the meeting due to a prior commitment.

Dan Wright reported on the Endowment Fund/Building Fund team activities. A new letter of resolution for the Building Fund (major construction) and Endowment Fund was reviewed.

- Membership of seven (7) members was recommended.
- Rather than the 10% allotted for each team from the annual distribution from the Endowment Fund, the amount distributed will change yearly according to the needs of the teams.

Dan made the following motion; seconded by Jerry Grunwald:

**MOTION: That the Endowment Fund Resolution is revised to allow seven (7) rotating members of the team and that the annual distribution of funds to ministry teams is calculated according to the projected needs of the teams.** The motion passed unanimously. A copy is included as Attachment #1.

Dan reported that there was about \$26,000 available for distribution this year from the Endowment Fund. The final total will be available soon.

- He also reported that two Building Fund CDs are being cashed out and reinvested at a higher rate. There is approximately \$314,495 in the Building Fund at this time.

Dan was excused from the meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

The meeting continued with a motion to approve the minutes of the council meeting held November 26, 2018, with a correction adding Judy Norton to the attendees. The motion was approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **Haven Contract – deferred**

##### **Building Remodel.**

Bob Wallin requested that approval of funds for the work of Underwood Associates, architects, move forward. An amount of \$9,000 is needed for them to proceed with more definitive plans for renovation of the narthex and other improvements.

**MOTION: A motion was made to allow up to \$9,000 to Underwood Associates of Anacortes to prepare a first-phase plan for improvements to the church. The motion was seconded by Marali Woessner. Lengthy discussion was held.**

- Concerns about what exactly would be included in this first phase plan, i.e., what would we get for the \$9,000.
- Jerry Grunwald, leader of the Stewardship/Finance Team, noted that we are barely breaking even in the income/expense area; pledges are down.
- Future issues in the global church are to be decided this year which may affect attendance, therefore, more uncertainty of income.
- Jim Slowik reported that there is money available from other sources than Current Expense to cover the \$9,000.
- It was noted that this subject has been on the agenda for a long time and it is time to take a leap of faith and go ahead.

The motion was passed with one no vote (Jerry Grunwald) and two abstentions (Jim Slowik and Marti Russell).

#### **TEAM REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

##### **PASTOR'S REPORT AND CALENDAR:**

- A Ministries Fair will be held after service on March 3, 2019. Each team is to develop information on their activities to inform and encourage participation in church leadership. Attachment #2.
- A copy of the Update from Pastor David Parker dated December 3, 2018 – January 14, 2019. Attachment #3.

##### **Stewardship and Finance – Jim Slowik, Treasurer**

##### **Budget Presentation**

- Jim Slowik presented a proposed budget for 2019. This budget does not reflect the changes in the Endowment Fund distribution to the teams. These changes may affect the amounts for the Youth and the Trustees.

**MOTION: After discussion, Linda Jury moved to accept the budget as presented; Jerry Grunwald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Attachment #4.**

- Jim asked that the Conference be requested to change the Charge Conference date to earlier in the year. A request will be made.
- Jim presented the Treasurer's Report dated January 19, 2019. It is complete except for the Endowment budget. Jim Slowik made the following motion; Jerry Grunwald seconded:

**MOTION: That \$16,906.00 of surplus funds from 2018 be moved to the Capital Improvement Fund.**  
The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Lay Leader – Susan Schopf**

- No conference report
- Susan and Ginger Opdyke have been planning a meeting to discuss the book "We Make the Road by Walking." The meeting will take place Monday, February 4 at 3 p.m. in Room 11. Chapters 14-23 will be discussed at that time and meeting will continue monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

#### **Worship Team – Jill Jackson**

- The team has met to organize and discuss future plans and needs.
- They are making plans for Ash Wednesday.

#### **Music Ministry – Stina Queeno**

- The Youth are planning and conducting the service next Sunday, February 3 (Youth Sunday). Hannah Rogers will be the speaker. Other youth will participate in various roles.
- Various music programs are continuing.

#### **Family Ministries – Nicole Rogers**

- VBS will be offered August 5-9, 2019, together with the Presbyterian Church and held at FUMC.
- There will be a movie matinee in March for anyone but geared toward young families.

#### **Youth Ministries – Hannah Rogers**

- As noted, the youth will be conducting the service next Sunday, February 3.
- A Sweetheart Soiree will be held February 16 for the church family with desert and dancing.
- Broomball is planned March 3 in Bellingham
- The mission trip will be to San Diego this year, July 12-24. They will be partnering again with Youth Works, doing urban type work. They plan to visit the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

#### **Mission Outreach – Jan Hayes**

- Souper Bowl Sunday (Feb 3) – Bring non-perishable items for Help House.
- Soup suppers will begin in March—Ash Wednesday.
- A coat drive is being considered; Jan has been unable to reach Beth Munns who is our contact.
- A transitional aide for the homeless is needed; no one has been appointed as yet.
- A better location for the Help House box is needed.

#### **Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Linda Jury**

- Job descriptions for staff have been updated.

**MOTION: After discussion, Marti Russell moved to accept the job descriptions as presented. Marali Woessner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Nursery workers are urgently needed during the week. Pay is \$12.00/hour. So far, advertising has not been successful.

#### **Trustees – Marti Russell**

- An agreement has been made with steeple.com to install a cell phone tower in the church bell tower. They will coordinate installation and operation between the City of Oak Harbor, AT&T and the Church Conference. A fee for use will be received monthly.
- New flooring has been installed in Room 11 and walls painted. New bookcases will be installed for small group resources which will free up room in the library.
- The security monitors are unable to retrieve data. The problem is being researched.

#### **United Methodist Women -- UMW – Marali Woessner**

- The UMW is still struggling. The goal is to get more volunteers for activities and projects.
- A Valentine potluck is being planned for February 13 at 1 p.m.

#### **United Methodist Men – UMM – Phil Hunsberger**

- A brunch was held and 25 attended. Mary Fran Wendling and Barbara Luehr prepared an excellent meal.
- The UMM focus will be on friendship between men.
- They are looking for service projects (church and community) to work together and will plan hikes and other out-of-door activities.
- February 23 will be their next meeting.
- They will gather in God’s Hall for Super Bowl Sunday to watch the game. Bring snacks to share.

#### **Conference Representative --Joyce Atkinson**

- The Global Conference of the UMC will be held in St. Louis, MO, February 23-26. An informational meeting is planned here at the church on Monday, February 4 at 7 p.m. to discuss the agenda.

#### **Membership and Evangelism –**

- Efforts are being made to reorganize the revitalize this team. Pastor David distributed information outlining a division of responsibilities that could be a guideline. A copy is attached listing three areas: “Kitchen and Fellowship Hospitality Team;” “Evangelism Team,” and “Congregational Care Team.” Attachment #5. Discussions will be held.

The next council meeting will be held Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9:15 p.m. with prayer for individuals, Ginger Opdyke, Judy Norton, Jill Jackson, the Plasterer family with a new baby and those in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst  
Recording Secretary

- Attachment #1: Resolution Regarding the Permanent Endowment//Building Committee dated 28 January 2019
- Attachment #2: Activity Calendar
- Attachment #3: Pastor’s Activity Report dated December 3, 2018 – January 14, 2019
- Attachment #4: 2019 Proposed Budget
- Attachment #5: Proposed restructuring plan for the Membership and Evangelism Team.