

Church Council Minutes Monday, October 22, 2018

Members present: Bob Wallin, Susan Schopf, Joyce Atkinson, Linda Jury, Jun Sapida, Erin Tombaugh, Marti Russell, Jim Slowik, Jerry Grunwald

Members absent: Pastor David Parker, Stina Queeno, Lanida Brophy, Julie Palmer, Marali Woessner, Hannah Rogers

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Erin opened with devotions, followed by prayer.

The minutes of the council meeting held September 24, 2018 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob reported that the building sub-committee met Sunday after church. The City of Oak Harbor approved closing in the ramp. The sub-committee will meet next week to firm up more plans, and to develop a budget. A professional architect will be consulted.

Jim Slowik moved that we welcome the Haven back in February-May 2019 (for their overnight program to house the homeless). Linda Jury seconded the motion. Discussion followed, including that the congregation be notified with time to respond before the council vote was taken. Concerns about higher heating/utility bills were addressed. The motion was tabled until Bob talks with Pastor David about the possibility of incorporating a presentation on the Haven into an upcoming Sunday schedule, and getting congregational feedback before the vote is taken/decision made.

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

PASTOR'S REPORT/CALENDAR (not present)

- A copy of the Update from Pastor David Parker dated October 22, 2018, is attached, **Attachment 1 (paper copy only)**.

Finance—Jerry Grunwald

- Jim Slowik and Jerry are pleased with the congregational tithing this year. The budget is slightly ahead of the projection at this time. Commitment Sunday will be November 18.
- The committee will be adjusting wages for those at minimum wage because of last year's increase in minimum wage for Washington state.
- Church apportionments will be increased this year, which will increase budget requirements for 2019.
- The budget for color copies made may have to be increased, and/or the copier contract may need to be rewritten.
- Jerry asked Marti about starting the Scott House bathroom project; Marti agreed that it can be started before the end of 2018.
- Jerry complimented the Council on its hard work in 2018.
- Jim said the Finance committee has started on the budget for 2019. He asked the council if they/their teams have any "over and above this year's budget" projects for 2019. He will consider bringing them to the Endowment committee. Jun said the Centennial Hall improvement subcommittee will be meeting and planning. The Worship Support Team plans to have the sanctuary painted in 2019; other projects were mentioned also.

Lay Leader—Susan Schopf

- SPR had a good meeting with our DS when he was here this month. The books *For a New Generation* will be arriving soon.

Worship Support Team – Joyce Atkinson

- Jill Jackson will be the Worship Support Team leader next year; she attended the team meeting in October.
- The team plans to prepare a “user’s manual” of tasks such as communion stewards, acolytes, and the like.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- not present

Youth/Family Ministries—Erin Tombaugh

- Youth Sunday 2019 will be in February.
- Pastor, Stina and Erin have been talking about how to better involve the youth in Sunday services. One thought is to have the youth select a group of songs which Stina will work into the “praise song” section of the service.
- The switch of the game room and furniture/couch room has been made.
- The youth will be going on a retreat to Camp Indianola November 9-11.
- Family Ministries is having “Stop Sip and Go” on Halloween. Several congregation members will be helping.

Mission Outreach — not present

Jim reported we have received about \$1200 for Hurricane Relief and \$1600 for UMCOR over the past few months.

Membership and Evangelism—

- The updated Church Directory will be printed soon. LifeTouch updates it when we have twenty changes/new members. LifeTouch will print and send the updated directories to the church.
- Jun said Pastor David would like the team to begin advertising for the joint Thanksgiving service.
- Coffee/Fellowship Hour is difficult to “staff;” Jun is working on getting volunteers.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations –

- Planning to hire another nursery worker
- Preparing for staff wage increases (for those at minimum wage) to the new state minimum of \$12/hour
- Job descriptions are in the process of being reviewed; most are done.

Trustees – Marti Russell

- Barron Heating checked out the parsonage; there is a moisture issue downstairs. Barron can do a “free” test to find out where it is coming from. The furnace is in good condition. Barron also checked the church furnaces; they are working well.
- A seat in the van was torn; it was taken to Frontier Ford, they said a new seat would need to be ordered. A third-party seat cover could be purchased. Marti will check with a local upholsterer to see if it can be repaired. Marti requested that the van be cleaned after each use.
- Rick Ferguson submitted a bid for the Scott House shower enclosure, and for replacing windows. Jim Slowik reviewed the budget for the Scott House; Marti will have the work scheduled.
- Daisy (church custodian) called Marti about a cracked window in the church kitchen; Island Paint and Glass came and gave a bid. The window will be replaced by the end of the month.
- Whidbey TelComm will install a strobe light/alarm in the sanctuary.

- Marti gave Tom Luehr kudos for installing the door and other work in the bookkeeper’s (Sandy Shield) office.
- Jeff with Cascade Gutter will do a “temporary” fix on the gutter near the front church door.

Conference Representative—Susan Schopf

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob said there are good recommendations on the conference web site about communicating online, Facebook, our own website, etc. “Keep your eyes/ears open” for someone who might be interested.
- Bob handed out copies of the job description for the Membership/Evangelism Team. He asked that we read it. At the next meeting, we will discuss the need for a team and team leader, and brainstorm ideas of how to continue the mission of the team if no leader steps forward.

Bob closed the meeting with prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Atkinson
Recording Secretary pro tem (for Margaret Mordhorst)

Attachment 1: Pastor’s Activity Report dated September 24—October 22, 2018