

Church Council Minutes Monday, February 27, 2016

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

Members absent: Linda Dady, Lanida Brophy

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

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Susan Schopf opened with devotions, "Be Careful What You Think," followed by prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2017, were approved. No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- A Hands-On Training session on CPR will be held March 28, 2017, at 6 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.
 - An evacuation drill will be held in May. More information is to come.
 - A clean-up of Smith Park with the Boy Scouts is planned for April 8.
 - A performance by the Covenant Players has been deferred until 2018 due to scheduling issues.
 - It was suggested and agreed that scheduling of a performance by the Watoto Musicians be postponed until November
 - The Ministry Team Fair held Sunday, February 12, was considered worthwhile. Several people signed up with interest.
 - Roots & Wings held January 28 in Marysville was a well done and informative conference on a variety of topics. Several members attended.
 - Erin reported on the progress of the Communication Team in designing a new church logo to be used on letterhead, business cards and other church communications vehicles. They worked with Jesse Love from the Conference to develop several options. A sample of the preferred logo was presented and recommended for adoption. A copy is attached to these minutes.
- MOTION:** Erin moved that a new church logo be adopted as presented. Dea Hansen seconded the motion. After discussion and comments, the motion was adopted unanimously.
The Council thanked Jesse and the Communications team for their work.
- New members of the worship teams were suggested and appointed.

Special Report—Endowment Fund Distribution

Dan Wright, team leader, distributed information on the status of the FUMC Permanent Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2016. Dan reviewed the investments and reported that a total of \$12,175.35 is available for distribution to the teams. A copy of his report is attached to these minutes. After discussion of market conditions and objectives of the investment, Dan made the following motion:

- MOTION:** That a distribution of \$12,175.35 from the Permanent Endowment Fund for 2016 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jerry Grunwald. After further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

PASTOR'S REPORT AND CALENDAR

- Pastor Parker welcomed Stina Queeno to her first church council meeting.
- He then updated the council on his recent activities and actions.
- The rolling bulletin boards in Centennial Hall will soon be gone. Other decisions regarding the disposition of other items including sanctuary modesty rails will soon be made.
- He considers the 125th Anniversary Celebration a “launching” event or process for moving forward in the next chapter of church life together. Ideas and thoughts are encouraged.
- Technical problems with the internet connection and church computers have been encountered. Discussions have been held and proposals received from two local computer businesses for a possible contract for management of the computer systems to enable better reliability, connections, and communication between computers. Lengthy discussion was held; ideas and opinions offered. Jim Slowik suggested that further research be conducted and a recommendation brought to the council for review and approval.
- Pastor Parker suggested that establishment of an honorarium for substitute pastors be considered.
- He noted that the Holland Happening parade and festival is approaching and asked if any participation is anticipated.
- Pastor Parker will be traveling to England in May 9-17 on the Wesley Heritage Tour.
- A membership class is being planned. He will provide information to council members on the membership process, “Core Principal Membership.”

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Lay Leader—Janann Roodzant

- Janann has been focused on the 125th celebration. A program and booklet are being prepared.

Worship Team – Dea Hansen

- Ash Wednesday, March 1. Soup suppers will start with a service held after in the sanctuary.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- Stina has spent the month of February observing and getting acquainted with people and procedures.
- A Cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday. She is planning things with Ginger Opdyke for the children. The handbells will play on March 26.

Youth/Family Ministries – Erin Tombaugh

- The vacation bible school theme has been chosen “Maker Fun Factory” and the curriculum ordered. VBS dates will be in early August.
- An Easter egg hunt is being planned in Smith Park. Donations of plastic eggs and candy welcome. Ken will contact scouts to help with cleanup of the park.
- Erin is adding another group on Wednesday to accommodate differing age levels better.
- The young people will be helping with the anniversary celebration on March 12.
- Youth will participate in the Easter cantata on Palm Sunday.
- The last youth outing was ice skating in Bellingham—16 youth participated on a day off from school.
- There will be a lock-in on March 24.
- A youth mission trip is being planned for July, spending 5 days in Portland, Oregon, having different projects daily. The theme is “Learning and Serving Together.” The Missions Team has agreed to support this mission trip with the proceeds received at the Soup Suppers during Lent.
- Youth will attend the Pacific NW Youth Conference (Convo) over Memorial Day weekend.
- Erin has met with other Oak Harbor youth leaders, discussing youth led services.
- May 3 is National Day of Prayer. Dave Parker will have something for this event.
- Young Adults meet Tuesday evening at Erin’s home. They are currently wrapping up a study and will participate in the upcoming “Daring Faith” study.

- The Family Ministries is in need of committee members. A plea will be put in the *Twin Flames*.

Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer

- Julie referred council members to her team’s minutes of February 13 sent prior to this meeting. They discussed Souper Bowl Sunday, Lenten Soup Suppers, coat collection, Roots and Wings, Ministry Fair, putting a Mission Moment in the newsletter, planning a mission meeting and One Great Hour of Sharing, March 27.

The need for new members of teams was discussed. Dave Parker indicated that additions of team members do not need to be voted on by council and do not need to be church members. However, Team leaders are elected at the Annual Charge Conference and must be church members.

- Homeless Report: Family Promise is being researched as a potential program for our participation. Bob Wallin suggested a representative from Family Promise could meet with our church task force.
- Whidbey Coalition: Arlene Hoppe has volunteered to be a liaison to this group. The Christian Reformed Church will host training for volunteers.
- It was suggested that we host a Fund Raising Dinner and invite mission agencies in Oak Harbor with the purpose of raising awareness of current mission work.

Membership and Evangelism -- Linda Dady

- No report. It was noted that additional members are needed for this team.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Susan Schopf

- Susan reported feedback from staff evaluations. A major issue is the lack of communication by members of the congregation with the staff. A prime example is failing to inform staff of use of the building.
- Linda Jury is working on revision of the Staff Benefits and Policy Handbook.
- Susan has met with Stina.
- There has been a request to consider paid vacation for part-time employees.
- June Zacharias has agreed to be on the SPPR team next year.
- There has been a request for motion detector lights at the parsonage, by the garage, the storage shed and the lower entry door.
- An annual inspection is needed for maintenance and repair of the Scott House.
- In response to a question to have the Scott House removed from the tax rolls, an ordained minister must be the occupant before it can be removed.
- Records Retention. Susan is researching the conference information for retention and storage of confidential information. She will report back to Council. Ken Opdyke noted that there is a security deposit box in at the bank.

Trustees – Ken Opdyke

- Ken has completed the necessary documentation to be off the tax rolls.
- The Team is currently searching for an electrician to work on lights. Unavailability on island is a problem. Jim Slowik recommended Brian Pease for electrical work.
- Cleanliness of the kitchen is a problem. It was suggested that a professional cleaner be hired once or twice a year. It was suggested that a fee be charged for kitchen use. Discussion followed. Current policies for kitchen will be reviewed and reported.

UMW – No report.

Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald

- Jerry Grunwald reported that currently there is no long-range plan for maintenance, replacements and capital improvements. He suggested that a chart be established where projects are prioritized and replacement requirements are scheduled and planned. He will begin this process.
- As a result of the Ministry Fair, it was suggested that a job description is needed for the Finance Team.

Treasurer—Jim Slowik

- Jim reported that we are ahead of the budget by \$9,000. The expenses were low in January.
- Erin presented a proposal for Young Adult Ministry, adding a category to the 2017 Budget Proposals. This will aid in being accountable for money received and money spent. After discussion and clarification, Erin made the following motion:

MOTION: That a category for Young Adult Ministry be added to the 2017 budget and \$700.00 budgeted for total expenses. The motion was seconded by Jim Slowik, and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the five categories of budgeted funds for Young People’s Ministries is attached to these minutes.

- Jerry Grunwald reported that the Building Fund minutes reflecting the purpose and intent of the Building Fund have been located and will be discussed at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Bob Wallin

- Bob Wallin is asking some local architects for ideas and recommendations facilitate future planning in accordance with our mission and vision.
- On Wednesdays during the Lenten season after the soup supper, video clips and table discussions will be offered.
- Dea Hansen reported that brass candlesticks that may have been given as a gift to the church have fallen into disrepair. She asked the council for input, i.e., repair, sell or store.

The next regular meeting will be held April 24, 2017, at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

- Sample of proposed new logos - approved
- Permanent Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2016 - approved
- 2017 Budget Proposals – Young People’s Ministries - approved