

## **Church Council Minutes Monday, March 26, 2018**

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

Members absent: Lanida Brophy

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

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Joyce Atkinson opened with devotions (“Follow Jesus, Not Lists”) followed by prayer.

The minutes of the council meeting held February 26, 2018, were approved as corrected.

Agenda: No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The Ministry Fair was successful for some teams. The Membership & Evangelism, Finance and Worship teams need additional members. Pastor Dave indicated that any individual who expresses an interest in volunteering should be encouraged without hesitation or formality.

### **PASTOR’S REPORT/CALENDAR**

Pastor Parker highlighted several of his current activities:

- A “God and Country” message for Cub Scouts. He reported that Aaron Hale and George Toner will be the church scout troop connection.
- Attended a NW UMC Leadership Institute symposium in Boise, Idaho.
- Worked with the young adults to help develop their ideas for a contemporary worship service.
- Continues to meet regularly with local pastors.
- Will attend a conference discussion, “Table Talk,” at Edmonds UMC, on April 28, on the subject of human sexuality. It is hoped that discussions can be developed here at this church to keep in touch with the direction the denomination is headed on this subject. Members were encouraged to attend also.
- A confirmation class is planned with Erin for June 10.

A copy of the complete Update from Pastor David Parker dated February 26, 2018, is attached as Attachment #1.

### **MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS**

#### **Lay Leader—Susan Schopf**

- Susan reemphasized the importance of the Table Talk discussions to be held in Edmonds and plans to attend. Issues will be discussed that will affect the wider church.

#### **Worship Team – Joyce Atkinson**

- The team has been getting ready for Easter week.
- Sun-blocking curtains are being planned for two windows on the south side of the sanctuary. A bid for \$958.96 has been received. After discussion, it was determined that the Worship Budget could cover this cost.

### **Music Ministry – Stina Queeno**

- Stina has been working with the youth on Wednesday nights and it is a lot of fun. The children recently performed in church and more is being planned.
- An Easter Cantata will be presented; youth will do the narration.
- The handbells will play soon.
- On Friday, April 20, a “soft start” contemporary service will be offered in Centennial Hall, soft start meaning that it is yet a work in progress with the formal launch with promotion and advertising to be in the future. Helpers are needed.

### **Youth/Family Ministries—Cameron Cecka and Erin Tombaugh**

- Cameron reported that 11 youth participated in the highly successful auction held last Friday, March 23. To date, \$7,053.00 has been received for the youth mission activities. Good feedback was received by the attendees.

Pastor Parker indicated that in evaluating the event, it is important to learn by asking what went right and why do people want to do it again.

- Erin reported that Oak Harbor youth leaders met in February with a focus on unity and encouragement of youth in Oak Harbor.
- National Day of Prayer will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May.
- There will be an Easter egg hunt in Smith Park.
- Family Ministries is planning a new event for families adults starting with a game night on April 21 in Centennial Hall. Future events could include, cooking, baking. New ideas are being developed.
- A meeting was held for youth and families on March 18 to generate interest in camp attendance. Eleven youth attended. Camperships using Endowment Funds and a contribution from the Harris Eloh Memorial will be available.
- The youth were excited about the new van.

### **Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer**

- The final soup supper will be moved to Thursday, Maundy Thursday.
- Contributions totaling \$1,260 were collected for UMCOR earlier this month.
- Jars for the Jamaa Letu orphanage will be the next mission focus, funds to be submitted at Annual Conference in June. Envelopes as well as jars will be available. A video presentation about the orphanage will be presented to the congregation.

A question was asked about the status of a location for the Haven outreach. None is available as yet.

### **Membership and Evangelism – Jun Sapida**

- Volunteering for hosting Sunday coffee has been better in March. April still needs workers. Persons with last names beginning with N-R are asked to volunteer to host in April.
- Jun is updating and reviewing the advertising in *the Whidbey News Times*, *Crosswinds*, *Whidbey Weekly*, Chamber of Commerce Directory and City reader board.
- Upcoming events were discussed: Summer picnics, Veteran’s Day Sunday, photo directory for new members
- There has been a problem with the color printing of the new logo. Jun is working to improve it.
- Estimates for putting the church logo on the new van are being requested.
- Jun will be unavailable at the next meeting due to his work schedule.

Pastor Dave expressed appreciation for Jun’s work on the team. He noted that added outreach to the Navy is important, e.g., attendance at quarterly Navy luncheons.

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

- A job description for a new bookkeeper is being developed.
- A review of the Safe Sanctuary Policy is being conducted.
- Staff Appreciation recognition will be on Sunday, April 29.

### **Trustees – Marti Russell**

- Purchase of a new 2017, 15-passenger Ford Van was completed in record time. Generous contributions have been received from the congregation to supplement the \$30,000 approved by the Council. Thanks to the nimble leadership who acted quickly upon an available opportunity.
- The team is working on accessories needed, maintenance guidelines, driver requirements, insurance coverage and logo design.
- The annual spring cleanup did not have as many participants as in the past, but those who participated did a great job.

### **UMW – Marali Woessner**

- There was a good Spring Luncheon and annual meeting last week. Anita Foster (wife of DS Daniel Foster) was the speaker.
- Marali has been unable to find a speaker on the Opioid problem. Jim Slowik suggested David Paul, vice president of Student Affairs at Skagit Valley College, an advocate for reform on the subject.
- A celebration of Mothers and Fathers is planned on June 3 with a baked potato dinner after service.
- A bazaar is being planned in the fall.

### **Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald**

- Jerry reported that the total monthly receipts from regular giving and fund raising for the month of March are \$65,695. Receipts are \$7,000 above budget at the end of March. There has been spectacular support from the congregation for special offerings such as the van and Sager Brown.
- Final distribution of the estate of Alice Jensen is expected by the end of the month. We anticipate approximately \$26,300 for the Memorial Fund.
- After discussion, Jerry Grunwald moved and the motion was seconded as follows:

**MOTION: That the balance of the amount for purchase of the 15-passenger Ford Van be paid from the Memorial fund and contributions.** The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer—Jim Slowik**

Jim reported that a 24" x 18" fireproof safe has been ordered to locate in the closet of the Pastor's office for the purpose of safekeeping of funds collected at times inconvenient for immediate recording and deposit.

### **Conference Representative—Susan Schopf**

- PNW Annual Conference will be held in Puyallup, WA, June 21-24, 2018. The theme this year is "Do this and you will live. Do What?"

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Jun Sapida: A new paper towel dispenser will be installed on the wall to the left of the coffee pot in Centennial Hall.
- Bob Wallin: The architectural drawings agreed to last month will be available next month.
- Ross Mordhorst: The code for the key lock boxes has been changed. Check with Peggy if needed. An inventory of door keys has been prepared. Peggy will maintain it. An estimate received from Guardian Security for upgrade of the fire alarm system is considered too high. Additional research will be conducted.

- The TV in Room 11 doesn't work.
- Marti Russell: Requirements for use of the van are being developed. A prior policy will be reviewed and possibly revised and updated.

Numerous prayer concerns were expressed:

Elizabeth Gallaway  
David and Patti Cohick  
Bill Norton  
Anita Johnson  
Rick Porritt

Bob Wallin closed the meeting with prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst  
Recording Secretary

Attachment 1: Update from Pastor David Parker, March 26, 2018