

FUMC Church Council Minutes  
March 27, 2017

**Present:** Linda Dady, Dea Hansen, Ken Opdyke, Julie Palmer, Pastor David Parker, Stina Queeno, Janann Roodzant (acting Chair), Susan Schopf, Jim Slowik, Erin Tombaugh, Joyce Atkinson (acting secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Dea Hansen read a devotion from Guideposts; Janann opened with prayer.

The minutes from February were approved.

**Old Business**

The Hands-Only CPR class will be tomorrow night, Tuesday March 28 at 6 p.m.

**Pastor's Report**

In addition to the printed report he submitted, Pastor said Erin had asked him to join the Young People's group, and that it was a good group.

He said there is lots of energy and planning for the Easter Sunrise Service. Pastor reminded about the all-church visioning and planning event on Saturday May 6. He hopes to have "all hands on deck."

The Watoto representative says as many churches can get involved Tuesday November 14. Pastor will check with the pastor at the Lutheran church.

Erin and pastor have been looking at different fair trade products to come up with a new gift/ give-away for newcomers. Erin mentioned items like coffee and/or tea, tied in with scripture, i.e. "My cup overflows" or tying in the word "boldness" with coffee; soap "being washed clean" etc. It isn't necessary to have our logo on everything. The goal is to have it ready to go on Easter morning.

Erin showed the new look of the front page of the FUMC website; she, Stina, Peggy and Pastor have been working on it.

Pastor handed out and read a "The Bible is a Menu, Not the Food Itself" article for everyone. Jesus says "you search the Bible looking for Life, but I AM the way the truth and the life."

**Team Reports**

**Lay Leader—Janann Roodzant**—As a "barometer," she feels the church is feeling warmed, and we are at a state of readiness. Pastor mentioned that people will leave a church after three months if they are not fully embedded and engaged. After that, they are either integrated or out the door. It is important for leaders to "work the room, the narthex, the church—and engage people."

**Worship Team—Dea Hansen**—getting ready for Holy Week and Easter. The Wednesday Soup Supper will be moved to Maundy Thursday that week. Worship will set up for Maundy Thursday and for the Tenebrae service on Good Friday. We still need readers for that service. Dea also encouraged people to sign up for praying over the pastor, or finding someone to do it.

**Director of Music and Worship Arts—Stina Queeno**—Stina has been having fun working with the children. They are now working on a Palm Sunday song, to be done with the adult choir. She is also working on chimes with the children. She hopes to have the bells play in July, at a patriotic service. She and Pastor are doing initial planning for a contemporary service in the future.

**Family Ministries—Erin Tombaugh**—getting ready for the annual Easter egg hunt in Smith Park on Easter Sunday. They are starting to plan VBS for August 7 – 11. “Maker Fun Factory” is the curriculum. Dea suggested getting the music CDs to play in Sunday school to start getting the children excited.

**Nursery Ministries—Erin Tombaugh**—staff reviews were done last week. Some training will be done on working with children with special needs.

There are still gaps in the need for Sunday school teachers, and more will be needed next year. There is discussion happening on how to restructure Wednesday night programs to align with the realignment of the OH School District.

**Youth—Erin Tombaugh**—There was a lock-in on Friday night; 17 children and youth participated. Some devotion and scripture was included.

A representative from Camp Indianola also visited this month and talked about the programs and opportunities—and fun!—to be had at camp. The visit generated a lot of interest. The youth plan to go to Convo again, which will be at the University of Puget Sound (UPS) in Tacoma over Memorial Day weekend. Their mission trip will be to Portland, to work with LAST (Learning and Serving Together).

The young adult group (YAG) has from seven to ten attendees each week. Scheduling is often a problem for the attendees (i.e. work and school).

Erin handed around a paper copy of the “Redirecting Children” guidelines that she and Pastor had crafted. The council had received it by e-mail earlier.

**Mission Outreach—Julie Palmer**—Soup suppers are going along; Jun and Daisy Sapida are stepping in and helping out—much appreciated! The youth are bussing tables, and getting more accomplished at that task. The UMCOR Day offering was held Sunday March 26; the funds go to help paid staff at UMCOR.

The OHFUMC Homelessness Task Force (HTF) is meeting monthly. The Mission Outreach team is working to recruit volunteers for the Whidbey Homeless Coalition (WHC) emergency shelter at the Christian Reformed Church. The Coalition will come and train, then schedule, those volunteers. The shelter will likely open April 8 or 15.

The committee is also continuing to pursue the concept of beginning a Family Promise affiliate in Oak Harbor. Members of the OHFUMC HTF will visit the Skagit County Day Center soon.

The WHC would still like to be able to use our van as an emergency backup for transportation. **Jim Slowik moved** that we agree to use our van as stated. Erin asked about insurance; Pastor said the insurance follows the vehicle. We would need to be sure our church is named in the policies of the Lions' Club and the WHC to be covered, and the drivers would need to be properly vetted. Pastor stated the WHC would need to show proper paperwork. Discussion followed about the "owner" of the van—the church or the Conference. As long as the church is "in business," the property belongs to the church. Janann suggested Mark Vance be asked to check the van out. We are agreeing in principle to an emergency plan. If that situation changed, we may ask the WHC to assist with vehicle maintenance etc. The question was called; the motion carried. Pastor David will e-mail Faith at WHC and copy the Council.

**Membership/Evangelism—Linda Dady**—The Mother/Daughter breakfast will be May 13 at 9 a.m.

**SPPR—Susan Schopf**—Staff Appreciation Sunday will be April 23. Because of the departure of Joy Brent, SPPR is short a team member. June Zacharias had shown interest at the Ministry Fair. Susan moved that June be placed on the SPPR Team. The motion was seconded and passed.

Susan distributed a proposed change in the paid vacation policy for part-time staff. She then went through it and explained the details of the proposal. Susan moved the proposal be accepted. The motion was seconded; discussion followed. The motion was approved.

**Trustees –Ken Opdyke**—The clean-up for the church and for Smith Park will be Saturday, April 8. Stina mentioned the cobwebs in the sanctuary. Pastor asked about the lightbulbs; they are not dimmable.

**Stewardship/Finance and Treasurer—Jim Slowik**— Jim explained Jerry's absence—Margaret Grunwald had gall bladder surgery today. February was a soft month; we were \$2K below budget. We paid our insurance in full in February. March is right on-budget. The budget is holding up well.

Pastor David would like a new table and chairs in his office. Jim moved we use up to \$1000 in memorial funds to purchase the furniture. The motion was seconded and passed.

Susan showed a handout that advertises a “Shelter Shower” meant to help provide supplies for Marjie’s House here in Oak Harbor. It was suggested an article be written for the Twin Flames.

Pastor David said he will be asking that everyone read the membership book that he has revised. He also discussed the book *Jesus Outside the Lines* by Scott Sauls. He suggests it could help us to not “fall into the trap of painting our lives totally blue or red.” He encourages all team members—in fact the entire church—to read it.

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joyce L. Atkinson  
(Filling in for Margaret Mordhorst)