

Church Council Minutes Monday, April 24, 2017

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

Non-Members present: Jan Hayes, Judy Norton, Joyce Atkinson, Rawson Mordhorst, Margaret Mordhorst, secretary.

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Erin Tombaugh opened with a reading “Storm Before the Calm” followed by prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held March 27, 2017 were approved. A report from Stina Queeno was added to the agenda.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Jan Hayes and Judy Norton reported on the opening of “The Haven” a homeless shelter at the Christian Reformed Church. Several members of the congregation have taken the training and have spent a night at the shelter. Jan and Judy and members of the Council who have volunteered at the shelter reported that the first nights have gone very smoothly. Workers have found it very rewarding and the homeless participants are well behaved and very appreciative. The organization of the shelter is well organized under the leadership of Shauna who is the full-time manager through the Whidbey Island Homeless Coalition. Lengthy discussion followed. It was strongly recommended that OHFUMC volunteer to host the second 90-day period which would begin approximately late July. Additional discussion followed and a consensus developed that this church should play a part in this outreach as part of the church mission of Loving God, Serving Others, Changing the World. It was agreed that the congregation should be brought into this decision with an open forum for discussion before a final decision is made. Julie Palmer and the Mission Outreach team will plan a meeting to inform the congregation and elicit support. Monday, May 8, at 6 p.m. for one hour in Centennial Hall was agreed upon for the meeting. All are invited to come, learn and share.

The next meeting of the OHFUMC Homelessness Task Force is May 1. A church Visioning meeting is to be held May 6 to vision our ministry future.

Jan and Judy left the meeting.

PASTOR’S REPORT AND CALENDAR

Pastor distributed and reviewed an update of his recent and ongoing activities and actions. A copy is attached to these minutes. He noted an upcoming Twin Flames Article on UMC Denomination Transitions, indicating that it will probably be a controversial issue in our conference as well as nationally. He asked us to be aware of its potential impact.

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Lay Leader—Janann Roodzant

No report.

Worship Team – Dea Hansen

- The team is moving forward after a busy and good Easter week. The sunrise service was successful.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- People have been very receptive to the children playing the choir chimes in service.
- The church will be hosting Crosby Lane, a popular country/gospel group in concert on May 11.
- The Chancel Choir is beginning work on patriotic music.
- Planning has begun on developing contemporary presentations.

Youth/Family Ministries – Erin Tombaugh

- Participation in summer camp opportunities will be promoted. Camperships are available. An informational meeting will be held on May 7.
- June 18 is Father's Day. "Pies for Guys" will be available.
- Vacation bible school is scheduled for August.
- Events being planned:
 - April 30, pancake brunch after church; funds are to be used for youth trip expenses
 - May: hiking trip
 - May 21, Sunday school appreciation
 - May 27-28, Memorial Day Weekend, Youth Convo
 - June 7 –Bunko, last event before summer break
 - June: Youth trip to a Mariner's game

Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer

- Julie and team will be planning the meeting of the congregation on Monday, May 8, to discuss participation and use of the church for "The Haven" for a 90-day term.
- The team will be setting goals for the use of funds available.
- Collection for funds for the Jamaa Letu orphanage will be requested in the next weeks; money to be sent to annual conference in June.
- The Homelessness Task Force will be moving forward on two tracks: Participation in The Haven and research on the potential of Family Promise. The next regular meeting of the Task Force will be May 1.

Membership and Evangelism -- Linda Dady

- There will be a change in the scheduling of workers for the Sunday after-service coffee hour. Individuals will be asked to volunteer for one or two specific Sundays each year. More information will be forthcoming.
- May 13: A Mother/Daughter Breakfast is being planned. All women are invited as all are daughters. Jack Sondericker will present a program on his story telling.
- May 14: Roses will be presented to Mothers at service on Mother's Day.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Susan Schopf

- Staff Appreciation recognition was conducted yesterday in the church service.
- The Employee Handbook is completed. Inclusion on the church website is being considered.
- Stina's 90-day evaluation is due and is being developed.

Trustees – Ken Opdyke

- The downstairs carpet issues are ongoing. Some progress is being made.
- The Scott House roof has been cleaned. A fan in the bathroom needs replacing and it has been difficult to find an electrician to do the work.
- Brakes on the front of the church van have been replaced.
- The downstairs installation of cameras is ongoing. Consultation with Whidbey Tech people is needed for instruction.

UMW – No report.

Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald

- Jerry Grunwald emphasized that a more structured plan for the initiation and accountability of large projects is needed. Written proposals should be prepared and submitted in advance to the Finance Team and the council if necessary for approval. This will assure identification of the source of funds for payment and relieve the treasurer of the responsibility making these decisions.
- Kathy Doll is researching audit firms for the annual required audit of church funds.

Treasurer—Jim Slowik

- Jim reported that we are following the budget.
- Funds received from the Wednesday Soup Suppers were close to \$1,000.
- Discussion with Erin is needed as to funds for Vacation Bible School.

NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Bob Wallin

- Susan Schopf is registered to attend Annual Conference this year.

The next regular meeting will be held May 22, 2017, at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Update from Pastor David Parker, dated April 24, 2017