

Church Council Minutes Monday, May 22, 2017

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

Members absent: Janann Roodzant, Susan Schopf, Lanida Brophy

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

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Julie Palmer offered devotion based on Mark 4: 21-23, "Do not hide our light."

The minutes of the meeting held April 24, 2017 were approved.
There were no changes to the agenda.

PASTOR'S REPORT AND CALENDAR

Pastor distributed and reviewed an update dated May 22, 2017, of his recent and ongoing activities and actions. A copy is attached to these minutes.

He noted that new gifts for newcomers were now available which emphasize our motto/mission. He encouraged team and council members to encourage and help new attendees find their place in church activities, services and participation in ministries. Linda Dady expressed concerns about not including the Evangelism Team in this new outreach.

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Lay Leader—Janann Roodzant

Absent, no report.

Worship Team – Dea Hansen

- The team has debriefed and evaluated the Holy Week program to aid in next year's planning.
- Napkins for communion have been ordered as the previous ones have disappeared.
- Candle snuffers are needed and two have been ordered.
- A new paint color for the wall wings in the front of the sanctuary is being researched.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- Music Ministries are winding down for the summer. The Praise Ringers will have a bell polishing session and regroup in the fall. The chancel choir is preparing a Patriotic Musical presentation.
- A worship and prayer night is being planned for the second Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. The goal is to begin to develop a contemporary worship service by exposure and experience.
- June 18 the Lakeland Bell Choir from Lakeland, Florida, will present a concert at 3 p.m. The free-will offering will be divided between local music and missions ministries. The Bell Choir will provide a potluck lunch for the choir before the concert and, with outside contributions, cookies and punch after.

Youth/Family Ministries – Erin Tombaugh

- New ideas for the programs are being researched.
- Teacher Appreciation recognition was held in service on Sunday, May 21.
- For Father's Day, June 18, "Pies for Guys" will be offered after church service.
- Sunday school will have a break for the summer. There will be structured story time in the nursery through 2nd grade.

- We will be saying goodbye to the Smiths and the Shoemakers in June. They have been very active church families.
- Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-11.
- The children's ministry groups will be split next year, i.e., from one 1-5 grade group to two groups 1-4 and 5-6. This will coincide better with the school grades.
- Nine youth will go to Convo this Memorial Day weekend at UPS in Tacoma. The theme is "Boldly Go" --forming relationships with God, family, friends and the world.
- On Sunday, April 30, a successful pancake breakfast netted \$1,000.
- A new program is being planned for Wednesday nights: "Partners in Mission" to develop relationships between youth and older people.
- Erin will continue on the Conference Council on Youth Ministries; she will be an overnight chaperone at Conference; and will be a young adult voter at conference.

Mission Outreach –Julie Palmer

- The Homeless Task Force meeting held May 8 went well. Members felt positive about going forward.
- A day trip to the Family Promise day center in Sedro-Woolley is planned.
- Jars for Jamaa Letu orphanage will be available for contributions Sunday, May 28.
- The team will soon allocate their budgeted money to organizations in need.

Membership and Evangelism -- Linda Dady

- The Team hosted a Mothers' Day Breakfast on May 13 for about 50 attendees.
- Snacks were provided for the Crosby Lane concert.
- Roses were presented to mothers at the service on Mothers' Day.
- Summer picnics are being planned. It was suggested that one Wednesday picnic be made special for youth.
- Sign-ups for the Sunday after-service coffee and refreshment time have not gone well.
- Peggy Stephens' will work four days a week this summer. Daily hours will be extended; total time on the job stays the same.
- Jim Palmer, security, has requested time off in the summer.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations – Susan Schopf

Absent, no report.

Trustees – Ken Opdyke

- A contractor has been retained to replace the sanctuary lights.
- The work on God's Hall has not been completed. The final payment is being renegotiated due to unsatisfactory seams in the carpet.
- It has been difficult to find a qualified electrician to do wiring and repairs in the Scott House. Jim Slowik suggested contacting Brian Pease.
- A written bid for carpeting installation in the Scott House is being obtained. A verbal figure of \$400 has been received.
- There is ongoing work on the TV-mounted monitoring systems and cameras.

UMW – No report.

Stewardship/Finance –Jerry Grunwald

- Jerry deferred to Jim Slowik for a report.

Treasurer—Jim Slowik

- There is no need to revisit the budget at this time; however, some committees will exceed their budgeted amount.
- The NW Methodist investment fund is returning less than 1 percent. CD reinvestments are at low rates, 1.25 percent is best. The Building Fund, Endowment Fund as well as CDs are affected.

NEW BUSINESS/ADDITIONAL ITEMS – Bob Wallin

- Bob Wallin reported that Dexter Chin, an architect who works strictly with churches be asked to come and suggest ideas and possibilities for renovation of the church to update and expand some areas in need.

MOTION: Jim Slowik moved that Dexter Chin be authorized to conduct and present a feasibility study for renovation of the church facility and that \$1,400 approved for this study. Erin Tombaugh seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Jerry Grunwald encourages more lay participation in the planning. Jim Slowik emphasized the need for expertise to plan and evaluate needs of the church and to work with the city as to legal requirements, safety concerns and ADA compliance. **The motion passed with 11 yes votes and one abstention.**

- Joyce Atkinson distributed a copy of her compilation All-Church Vision Day discussions and ideas. Council reviewed and discussed the results and members were asked to bring suggestions to the meeting next month as to how to move forward. A summary article and a copy will be posted for the congregation's review. A committee chaired by Jerry Grunwald to include, Joyce Atkinson, Ken Opdyke, Susan Schopf and Pastor Parker was appointed to meet and bring a report to council next month.
- A decision needs to be made regarding use of the church to host The Haven, the Whidbey Homeless Coalition-sponsored overnight homeless shelter.

MOTION: Julie Palmer moved to allow use of the church to host The Haven for the next 90-day session beginning mid-July through mid-October. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Julie recommended that Centennial Hall be used as opposed to God's Hall due to the availability of rest rooms. A need to accommodate choir practice on Wednesday night was recognized and entry by overnight participants would start at a later time. More volunteers are needed. It was noted that it is the manager's responsibility to schedule volunteers from those who have had the training. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Pastor David will call Faith Wilder of the Homeless Coalition. Bob Wallin will make an announcement in church next Sunday. Julie Palmer will write text for an e-mail. Church neighbors should be contacted.

Motion to adjourn was passed. Bob Wallin closed the meeting with pray at 9 p.m.

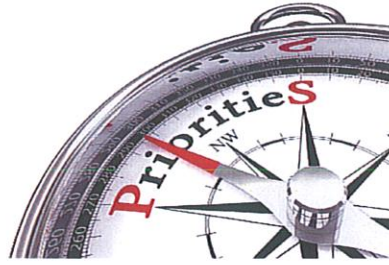
The next regular meeting will be held June 26, 2017, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Mordhorst
Recording Secretary

Attachments: Update from Pastor David Parker, dated May 22, 2017

Update from Pastor David Parker



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Activities/actions:

- WHC lunch meeting
- Planning Meeting with Faith Wilder, WHC Board
- Commissioning of Haven volunteers from OHFUMC
- Stina's 90-day review
- Haven Sleep over night
- Participated in two National Day of Prayer events: Regency service and Coupeville Courthouse.
- All-Church Visioning Day
- All-Church meeting on hosting The Haven
- England: John Wesley Heritage Tour (May 9-17th)
- Meetings with Cecka's to plan Nikki's service
- Planning Training for launching a Guest Services focus at the welcome center.
- Select visitations in the community

Ongoing:

- Worship bulletin review
- Twin Flames articles
- Sermon (and children's sermon as scheduled)
- Emails
- Weekly younger men's discipleship coffee group (Sat. 7 am)
- Weekly Lectionary Study
- Monthly Pastor's Prayer Gathering
- Monthly Navy League Lunch
- Monthly Chamber of Commerce Lunch
- Leader prep for parent's class Wednesday night
- Monday staff meetings
- Monday meeting with Stina (9 am)
- Wednesday meeting with Erin (11 am)

Tonight:

- Revisit Homeless Housing Proposal for FUMC

Coming Soon:

- Island Puget Sound District Planning Meeting for Joint church conferences: Wednesday, May 24th 2 pm Coupeville UMC
- PNW Annual Conference June 14-17, Portland, Oregon.

Jesus is our Hope!

Pastor David ☺