

Church Council Minutes Monday, September 24, 2018

Members present: Pastor David Parker, Bob Wallin, Susan Schopf, Joyce Atkinson, Stina Queeno, Erin Tombaugh, Marti Russell, Marali Woessner, Jim Slowik, Jerry Grunwald

Members absent: Lanida Brophy, Cameron Cecka, Jun Sapida, Linda Jury, Julie Palmer

Bob Wallin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and opened with devotions from *Extreme Devotion*, followed by prayer.

The minutes of the council meeting held June 26, 2018 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim and Bob talked with Steve Powers about changing the front of the church. Steve said the City of Oak Harbor would allow us to go out some from the electrical closet downstairs (underneath the ramp). We could probably go out to the end of the ramp, and “straight up.” It might also be possible to expand Peggy’s office and more. The city representative will give Jim the name of an architect who will know the details of what we can do and what any requirements would be, such as “sprinkling” the sanctuary. The team will gather again after more information comes from the City of Oak Harbor.

PASTOR’S REPORT/CALENDAR

- A copy of the Update from Pastor David Parker dated September 24, 2018, is attached, **Attachment 1 (paper copy only)**. He reviewed several of his current activities and actions, including:
 - Pastor David is leaving tomorrow morning for an Essential Church Leadership conference in Colorado.
 - The Haven has sent a request for us to host the Haven again.
 - He spoke about a book he is reading, *For a New Generation*. He hopes the council will read it in the coming months.
 - Our all-church conference is October 14, Ken Harrison will be cooking lunch.
 - Pastor discussed the Lay Leadership Team Report for 2019, and asked leaders to verify the names listed for their teams.
 - Pastor David then left the meeting, as he is departing early tomorrow (Tuesday).

MEMBER REPORTS AND BUSINESS

Finance—Jerry Grunwald

- Jerry reported the team hired Sandy Shields as bookkeeper; Jerry thanked the committee.
- Kathy Doll reviewed church finances, she briefed Jim and Jerry. Jim will be calling the Church Windows software company re some issues with the software.
- Jerry will start putting out information for the pledge drive.
- Teams need to get their budgets in by November 18, preferably sooner.
- August had some large expenses. September is looking good for our Current Expense budget.
- Dan Wright, Endowment Chair, would like to manage the Building Fund. He would like half of it to go into low-risk investments, rather than all in CDs like it is now. There was discussion, and it was decided not to vote at this meeting, as Pastor is gone, and we don’t have a full group in attendance. It is likely an e-mail vote will be conducted.
- Jim Slowik said the church applied for a new credit card in Daisy’s (new custodian) name. Jim also made a motion that Dave Williams be provided a credit card for purchases for small group studies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Jim said Sandy Shields is doing well as bookkeeper. The “books” are kept on a church computer, using the program Church Windows. A change/update in the software caused many hours of re-posting of data be done to our computer. Church Windows suggested we put our data on the web (“cloud”), on their website hosting system. It would provide flexibility. Jim moved that we do so, Marali seconded the motion. It would increase our cost to \$80 per month, rather than \$490 per year. The motion passed unanimously.

Lay Leader—Susan Schopf

- Susan spoke well of Pastor David’s hosting of the Table Talks this summer, and of the book he is planning on having the council members read.

Worship Support Team – Joyce Atkinson

- The team discussed next year’s Maundy Thursday/Good Friday services. It was suggested we keep the Maundy Thursday service.
- The “sit-on drum,” or cajon, arrived. It will primarily be used in the contemporary service.
- Joyce wrote the article about paint samples for the sanctuary, Stina will devise the voting box. It was strongly suggested by the council that we defer the budget item itself until 2019, and have the entire sanctuary painted. Stina and Joyce agreed to do so.

Music Ministry – Stina Queeno

- The contemporary service meets at 1:30 on Sunday afternoons. Attendance is low, but hopes are more will start attending.
- The bells will be tolled at the annual meeting to remember church members who died during the past year.

Youth/Family Ministries—Erin Tombaugh

- Family Ministries team will start meeting on the first Monday of each month instead of the second Monday.
- First graders will be presented with their Bibles on October 14 during Worship.
- “Stop, Sip and Go” will happen on October 31, with the same format as last year.
- Wednesday nights, Sunday school and other events have started up.
- The youth leadership team met and developed plans for happenings. The 2019 mission trip (possibly to San Diego) is being discussed. There will be a bake sale after church on October 28 to start fund raising.
- Thursday morning coffee before school (at Whidbey Coffee) has started up again.
- The old Game Room equipment will “change spaces” with the stuffed chairs and couches downstairs. The white tables and chairs will stay where they are.
- Hannah Rogers will be our youth conference/council representative.
- Erin will be at the Wesley Club (college-age ministry) meeting in Bellingham in October, filling in for the leader.

Mission Outreach — not present

(From minutes: the team will be supporting Lily Kay, Lenten Soup Suppers (with guest speakers), Garage of Blessings, etc.)

Membership and Evangelism— not present

Staff Pastor Parish Relations –

- Daisy Groebli is our new custodian
- Preparing for staff evaluations
- Possible staff wage increases, partly due to state requirements
- Plan to hire another nursery worker

Trustees – Marti Russell

- Trustees inspected the parsonage, all looks good
- Scott House needs some work including bathroom tile, window replacements and other repairs and upgrades. The trustees will be looking at it next year.
- Over the summer, trustees purchased air conditioners for Pastor and Peggy’s offices, redid the coat closet to make a small office for Sandy Shields, had the cracks in the north parking lot filled, replaced the exterior doors in the Scott house, provided exterior lights for the parsonage and other minor projects
- Last year, AHBT “guesstimated” \$4000 to 6000 for some work to be done at the parsonage and the church (lights, cameras, more). The work was completed in May, the final bill was \$8563.92.
- The Scott House agreement is still under development.
- Discussion followed between Jim and Marti about accounts payable, credit cards and the like
- Trustees are looking into other security providers besides Guardian

UMW – Marali Woessner

- The UMW brunch went well.
- Preparations are underway for the bazaar on October 13; help will be needed moving tables on October 12 or sooner.

Conference Representative—Susan Schopf

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Reports for charge conference are due by October 8.

Jim closed the meeting with prayer at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Atkinson
Recording Secretary pro tem (for Margaret Mordhorst)

Attachment 1: Pastor’s Activity Report dated June 26 – September 24, 2018