

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
February 15, 2018

Members Present: Twila Ehrich-Belton, Sandy Beyer, Carol Tower, Roxi Grimsley, Kathi Hefti, Jon Weston, Kerry Beebe, Brock Reynolds, and Pastor Justin Halbersma

Members Absent: Bob Weston, Scott Gutierrez, Tom Yeager, Joseph Sparks, and Jamie Lee

Guests: n/a

Agenda: Stood as presented.

Meeting to Order: 6:36 p.m. Twila called the Council to order.

Pastor began the meeting with prayer.

Celebrations – The Council shared celebrations in their lives. Those celebrations included wedding preparations and ceremonies, time with friends, the weather, newborn babies and successes seen in our children.

Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the January meeting were amended to indicate that Sandy Beyer was in attendance and that Roxi Grimsley was the recording secretary. With those amendments, a motion was made by Kerry, seconded by Jon, to approve the January 2018 Council meeting minutes.

Leadership Transition – Justin shared a proposed timeline for new leaders:

Present Day – 3/15	Identify a potential pool of candidates
3/15 – 4/30	Leadership recruitment
5/20	Leadership election via church conference
5/21 – 6/15	Leadership profiles created
6/18	New leaders take office with full Council orientation/training/ goal setting 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It was noted the following current Councils will complete their terms midyear 2018: Scott, Kathi, Sandy, Tom or Bob, and Jamie. Jamie has indicated that, due to other commitments, she is leaving the Council as soon as possible.

Roxi, Twila, and Justin will begin to reach to those individuals have been identified as potential leaders. Twila asked Council members to begin to think of other individuals that may want to

participate in this leadership role. She was also looking for feedback on what was missing from the most recent leadership orientation. It was commented that a social-type event with both the current Council members and incoming Council members might allow time for everyone to get to know each other. A Council responsibility document will be created and reviewed during the orientation.

Justin noted that we need to appoint a delegate to attend the Minnesota Annual Conference, held May 29 – 31, 2018, at the River Center in St. Cloud. Kathi shared her past experience and encouraged everyone to consider participating.

Narrative Budget – Jon was looking for feedback as to whether or not we wanted to update the 2017 information with the 2018 budget numbers. It was noted that to do so at this late date could be difficult due the short length of time available to gather testimonials, photos, and the other items needed for the document. Therefore, the information will remain as is for now.

Jon suggested putting an article in the e-mail blast asking members to please submit testimonials and photos that could be used in the updated document. A timeline will be created for continuation of the narrative budget for 2019 and beyond. A group needs to be created to keep this on track.

2017 Goal Review – Twila reviewed the goals that were set by the Council in 2017. The Council focused on the “respond” portion of the goal – blessing 100 people by June 1, 2018.

The Council brainstormed on how this goal was met:

- Breaking Point concert attendees
- July 4 parade participation
- New Pathways encounters
- Soup Kitchen service
- Summer Bash attendees
- Stephen Ministry care receivers
- Funeral attendees
- Working with The Shop individuals
- Threads of Love donation recipients
- Garfield School volunteers

Twila suggested we should try and quantify the numbers and then share them with the entire congregation.

Small Group Update – Justin shared that he and Josh have been running two “beta” versions of the program based on a book they read, “The Sticky Church.” Approximately 15 – 16 people were asked to participate, of which 6 accepted the opportunity. There is a set 10-week session of a small group; a small group is considered 8 – 10 people. The goal is to have three 10-week sessions starting in April, and taking a break in the months of July and August. Another goal

would be to have these small groups begin to meet in the participant's home rather than at the church. Justin asked each Council member to prayerfully consider joining a small group.

Report Review – The financials were provided prior to the meeting. Jon noted a slight concern regarding current giving levels, as well as how to communicate this need to the congregation. We ended 2017 in a very good position; however, any “cushion” will quickly be depleted if current giving doesn't increase. It was discussed to create a year-around Stewardship Team to keep this “fresh” in the mind of everyone in the congregation. Sandy and Roxi will work on contacting individuals for this team.

General Update

As Bob was unable to attend the meeting, Jon reported that the Trustees are stilling working the signage issue.

Justin closed the meeting with prayer at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Tower, Recording Secretary.