

Park United Methodist Church
Church Conference Minutes
November 25, 2018

Pastor Phil Strom called the church conference together at 10:00 a.m. He then explained the difference between a “church” conference and “charge” conference; noting church conferences are for all members of the congregation, while a charge conference has only the church leadership voting.

Approval of Pastor Compensation – As directed by The Book of Discipline, the congregation is to approve the pastoral compensation prior to December 1 of each year. Kerry Beebe, SPRC representative, presented the Pastoral Compensation Form as illustrated in the handout. He noted the compensation package is the same as was presented last year. A motion was made by Kerry Beebe, seconded by Carol Tower, to approve the compensation package. Motion carried.

Family Ministries Council Creation – Pastor Phil and Pastor Dan Doughty recommended to the Church Council the creation of a Family Ministries Council (FMC). The FMC’s function will be to consider, decide, and facilitate program matters that relate to the Christian education and nurture of children, youth, and parents. It will be comprised of three three-year classes (providing for continuity) and various at-large members by virtue of responsibilities with Park UMC. Terms of service end June 30th of the class year. The names and classes of those individuals that have been asked and accepted a role on the FMC were presented on the handout. The Church Council recommends to the congregation the creation of the Family Ministries Council. The congregation, via a show of hands, approved the creation of the Family Ministries Council.

Nominations Team – Pastor Phil noted that there will be three individual leaving the Church Council at the end of their terms June 30, 2019. In order to fill these positions, as well other positions with the leadership team at Park United Methodist, the Council approved the creation of a Nominations Team. The proposed members of the Nominations Team were presented on the handout. The congregation, via a show of hands, approved the Nominations Team.

Trustees’ Report – Bob Weston, Trustee representative, submitted his report to the church office. It is available for review if someone in the congregation wishes to read it.

Certified Lay Speakers – Faye Christensen was affirmed by the congregation as a Certified Lay Speaker.

Candidate for Ministry – As there were no candidates, no action was taken. Pastor Phil shared the need for more individuals seeking to become ministers and that most candidates are found within local congregations.

Closing – Pastor Phil closed the church conference with prayer.

Meeting ended at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Tower, Recording Secretary