

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
February 21, 2019

Members Present: Kerry Beebe, Chris Velasco, Abbey Neptune, Carol Tower, Jon Weston, Bob Weston, Carl Jacobi, Pastor Phil Strom, Pastor Dan Doughty, Roxi Grimsley, and Brock Reynolds

Members Absent: Twila Ehrich-Belton and Heather Aanes

Roxi brought the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Pastor Phil began the meeting with prayer.

Agenda: Stood as presented.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 19, 2019 were posted to Slack.

Celebrations: Time with family, the end of the hockey season, return of family after an extended time away, fun family time in the snow, good academic results, vacation time in warm weather, and great conversations at Confirmation.

Teaching Time: The book “Bearing Fruit” was distributed. Pastor Phil led the discussion of several passages in the book.

Family Ministry Council: Roxi shared the group met a couple of weeks ago. Some of the activities from this group include: offering CPR training on March 10, ACES (Adverse Children Experience) training on March 31. The Lenten service programs (it will be introduced by another name yet to be determined) have been established, with a focus on young families. This group will host the Easter Sunday breakfast between services. There is going to be a Moms’

Group beginning to meet at the end of March. They will meet two Sundays a month. The curriculum for VBS has already been determined.

The Council was very excited about all the activities and the excitement coming from the group.

Budget: Prior to the meeting, Jon submitted an amended budget after an additional meeting of the Budget Subcommittee. The amended budget shows a reduction in staff expense (as Josh's salary is not needed) and the inclusion of funds for "staff development." A motion was made by Kerry, seconded by Chris, to approve the amended budget in the amount of \$257,320. Motion carried.

The amended budget will be given to Cassie and Brenda. Kerry said the Subcommittee discussed how to communicate the amended budget to the congregation in the best manner.

Preparation for New Pastor: Next Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a meeting with the pastor selected by The Cabinet to serve as our new pastor. Pastors Dan and Phil and Kerry shared the process of the appointment timeline. Kerry will prepare some questions that could be asked at the interview.

Celebration for Josh:

- Pastor Phil is presiding that day and he will incorporate Josh's departure in the Sunday Service.
- Twila Belton will provide a testimonial during the service.
- Sharon Hurley from Threads of Love will provide a prayer shawl for Jenny and a quilt for the two of them.
- The cake was ordered and will be picked up by Kerry.
- Connie Krueger has been given a heads up about the reception. She will contact the individual(s) signed up for doing coffee that day and let them know and they will make all the necessary arrangements; i.e., plates, napkins, etc.

Accessibility Report: Per the church calendar, this is due in March. It is the Trustees' responsibility to get this done; they will be certain to include several individuals from the congregation.

Church Improvement Bids: Bob shared the Trustees met and discussed the needs at the Parsonage prior to the move-in of our new pastor. Brock will take the lead on replacing the flooring.

We have bids on replacing the entrance doors facing the parking lot with handicapped doors. The Memorial Committee has expressed interest in financially supporting this. The bids are between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The overall safety of the church building was discussed and how to resolve the issue. The Trustees will take up this issue and determine the best solutions.

The issue of safety of Wednesday night was also discussed. The Family Ministry Council or the Men's Group will be asked to provide an individual to serve as door monitor and be aware of who is coming through the door and helping them get to where they need to be.

We have received two bids for replacement of the carpet in the education wing. The bids are approximately \$6,000 for carpet; \$10,000 for laminate. We have received a separate bid to put new carpet in the two church offices, which is about \$1,800.

Open Discussion:

Kerry asked the status of the photo directory. Pastor Phil said the proof should be here the week of February 25. Once the proof is approved, the final book should be available within three weeks. A motion was made by Jon, seconded by Kerry, to approve spending \$320 from Emerging Ministries to pay for additional photos and books.

Trustees have ordered a new bulb for the projector; hopefully, that will fix the situation. However, there is a concern it may be more than the bulb. If necessary, the projector will be replaced.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tower, Recording Secretary