

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
May 16, 2019

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

Members Absent: Roxi Grimsley and Heather Aanes

As Roxi was absent, Twila brought the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Phil began the meeting with prayer.

Agenda: Stood as presented.

Celebrations: Purchase of a new home, travel to see family, upcoming baptism, summer sports, a new grandbaby on the way, thankful for the help with sprucing up the parsonage, upcoming vacation, watching children in sports.

Parsonage Lease: The Council discussed prorating the May rent. A motion was made by Carl, seconded by Bob, to prorate the May lease in the amount of \$459.61. Motion carried. Carl will communicate this to the Halbersma family.

Building Security Update: Everything is scheduled to be installed by the first week of June. Carl asked about communicating this to the congregation. Memorial Committee approved \$3,000 towards to purchase of the system; however, there may be more funds available from the Committee.

The Memorial Committee was briefly discussed – their creation, their purpose, and the possibility of adding and/or changing members of the Committee. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Budget: Jon shared that giving is not behind last year, as previously stated. He apologized for the error. Giving is still a bit behind budget and overall expenses are under budget. He complimented staff on keeping the expenses low.

Charge Conference: Pastor Phil will lead the meeting on Sunday, May 26. The charge conference is open to all members of the congregation; however, only Council members are permitted to vote. The purpose of the meeting will be to approve the pastors' compensation package.

Meeting with Emily SPRC: Kerry shared information from the meeting held with members of the Emily congregation. There was a lengthy discussion at the meeting on the payment of mileage for the new pastors. This has not yet been resolved at this time. There will need to be clarification from the District Superintendents on how the pastors' mileage should be allocated.

Park will do the Emily congregation's weekly bulletin and announcements, have no newsletter responsibility, nor upkeep of their membership list.

Preparations for New Pastors: The Trustees shared they have a good list of volunteers to help get the parsonage ready for Luke and Bethany. They are confident the parsonage will be ready on time. Carl has a list of items that need to be accomplished.

A welcome gift basket will be delivered to the new pastors as well plants/flowers for the parsonage.

Meet and greet dates will be set up.

Open Discussion:

The Fair Booth Committee met and would like to continue our participation in the Crow Wing County Fair in 2019. The Council confirmed their support of this project. We will continue to partner with local volunteer groups to help fill in the shifts as necessary.

Pastors Dan and Phil's last Sunday with Park is June 9. There will be a celebration of their service following worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

The question was raised about filling the four absences due to term limits for Council members. At this point, there are individuals that have been contacted, but nothing is confirmed at this point.

Bob said there is a spot where the carpet is wearing away in the education wing and was looking for direction on where this is at. We will need to get updated bids, but a carpet insert will be put in place in the interim. The issue of the parking lot was also discussed. We are waiting on bids for the parking lot.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tower, Recording Secretary