

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WESLEY FOUNDATION**  
**AUGUST 23, 2017**

**ATTENDEES:** Barb Barnett, Matt Carlson, Jean Chirpas, Dave Flick, Virginia Flick, Lou Geschwindner, Jen Gruendler, Jane Harris, Becky McGee, Greg Milinovich, Ray Raker, Kevin Sikorski, Adam Smith, Kelly Uchneat, Alice Wambold, Jim Wambold, and Betsy Wisner

**CALL TO ORDER:** D. Flick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**DEVOTION:** D. Flick shared a reading based on Proverbs 29:18.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes for the June 28, 2017, meeting were approved.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** B. McGee reported that the conversion to Church Community Builder, our new church management software, went well. It is now being used by church staff and will be rolled out to church leaders soon and eventually the congregation. Requests for proposals to upgrade the church's computer infrastructure have been sent to five vendors. Now that installation/implementation of the new software is nearly complete, she is focusing her attention on discipleship, Christian education, and new member pathways as recommended in the consultation.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** G. Milinovich reported that he has devoted much of his time over the last three months to coming up with a clear, compelling, unifying vision statement that is comprehensive enough to be inclusive, yet specific enough to be uniquely ours. Through prayer, reflection, and conversations with staff members and lay leaders, the following words have come into focus for him: meeting, making, and moving. Feedback from Council members was favorable. G. Milinovich stated that he welcomes additional feedback as he works through the process of finalizing the new vision statement. The new statement will be introduced to the congregation through a three-part sermon series based on Matthew 28 beginning on October 8.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY:** J. Gruendler reported the following:

1. Fall semester is off to a good start. They have seven new interns this year, along with three returning interns.
2. They will host Rachel Evans, a best-selling author who writes and speaks about faith, on October 12. The event will be open to the community.

**FINANCE:** K. Sikorski reported the following:

1. Total gifts and offerings for the second quarter were just above \$270,000; contributions in July were just over \$90,000.
2. Expenses for the first half of 2017 were \$583,100; expenses in July were \$92,500.
3. Net income year-to-date is about \$12,000.
4. Staffing costs have increased at the Preschool because enrollment is up. However, programming expenses are on target. The Preschool will operate five rooms fall. This will result in income of

\$60,000 per month, while expenses will only be \$50,000 per month. This should help alleviate the current budget shortfall.

K. Uchneat stated that church staff members have been outstanding stewards of the church's resources over the past year, which has helped us achieve the \$12,000+ net income year-to-date.

R. Raker asked if the staff bonus that was approved at the last Council meeting has been dispersed.

K. Sikorski replied that it has not; he is waiting for SPRC authorization.

**STEWARDSHIP:** K. Uchneat reported that Barb Duclos and Lindsay Fairman are coordinating this year's stewardship campaign. This year's theme will be based on Micah 6:8.

**MEMBERSHIP:** V. Flick reported that total membership stands at 1,389 as of August 23, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT:** D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary