

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND WESLEY FOUNDATION
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

ATTENDEES: Barb Barnett, Matt Carlson, Hayden Davidson, Keith Duclos, Lindsay Fairman, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Virginia Flick, Kelly Grimes, Jane Harris, Jeff Helffrich, Susan Johnson, Sue Justice, Bill Justice, Becky McGee, Greg Milinovich, Phil Mohr, Steve Morgan, Jeffrey Mugridge, Olivia Perdew, Brian Rater, Sue Rubba, Kevin Sikorski, Adam Smith, and Kelly Uchneat

CALL TO ORDER: J. Helffrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DEVOTION: J. Helffrich shared a devotion focusing on the following question: "What if tomorrow, all you had was what you thanked God for today?"

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes for the August 23, 2017, meeting were approved.

SENIOR PASTOR: G. Milinovich reported the following:

1. Response to our new "meeting, making, moving" vision has been positive. New banners will be hung in the sanctuary and signs printed with the vision will soon be posted in prominent places near the exits to remind us of who we are saying we are becoming together. The vision will continue to be incorporated into sermons and communications so that it becomes a part of our culture.
2. Work is underway or continues on the following: the stewardship campaign; full implementation of online giving; advent planning; and software implementation.
3. Our Church Conference will be held on Sunday, November 12, at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church as part of a cluster conference for the State College District. Per a request from District Superintendent Steffensen, Church Conference reports were emailed to Church Council members prior to tonight's meeting so that members have an opportunity to review them and ask questions before a vote is taken to accept them on November 12.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: B. McGee reported the following:

1. Implementation of the new church management software is going well; it is now being used by church staff.
2. Training sessions on the new software will be held in Abba Java this weekend for group leaders.
3. Online giving is now available, as is a text-to-give option.

CAMPUS MINISTRY: S. Falke reported the following:

1. Weekly student counts in Abba Java are averaging 750; the daily count has been as high as 250.
2. The program is bearing fruit in the form of stronger student leadership and a wider breadth of ministry (Wesley's Closet, for example)
3. Funding from the Lilly endowment ends in two years; funding options to sustain the current level of growth into the future are being discussed.

TRUSTEES: A motion to make changes to the Endowment Fund Agreement was emailed to Church Council members prior to tonight's meeting. On page 4 under "Asset Allocation" the Agreement currently states:

- A. 5-10% cash and equivalents,
- B. 15-50% intermediate and bond funds (e.g. Central Pa. Conference investment program),
- C. 25-60% growth (e.g. mutual funds and stocks) and
- D. 15-50% fixed income vehicles

The motion is to change the language on page 4 under "Asset Allocation" to the following:

- A. 0-10% cash and equivalents,
- B. 10-50% fixed income, and
- C. 40-80% equities

The reason for the proposed change is to allow for more flexibility to grow the endowment.

S. Morgan stated that the Endowment Fund Investment Committee and the Board of Trustees have approved the motion. The motion was then seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

S. Morgan reported that bids have been received for the following projects: roof repairs (3 locations); sidewalk repairs; and Building 4 stairway repairs.

FINANCE: K. Sikorski reported the following:

1. Donations for the third quarter were a bit below the \$270,000 goal (\$90,000/month), however, we are still above the year-to-date goal of \$810,000.
2. Expenses for the first three quarters of 2017 are a bit above the \$95,000 monthly budget (\$869,250 compared to \$855,000 expectation) and very close to the budget allocation.
3. Net year-to-date income is \$2,183.
4. The operating cash reserve balance currently stands at negative \$28,310.

K. Uchneat stated that preparation of the 2018 funding plan is underway. A line item budget will be presented to Church Council at the December meeting.

MINISTRY MOMENT: K. Sikorski highlighted the many duties he performs as church treasurer, including paying all bills, processing payroll, recording income, and preparing financial documents and reports.

MEMBERSHIP: V. Flick reported that total membership stands at 1,385 as of October 17, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: K. Grimes shared copies of a new form to request funding from the Endowment Investment Committee. K. Uchneat announced that an external financial audit will be conducted in 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary