

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & WESLEY FOUNDATION  
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**ATTENDEES:** Mark Bodenschatz, Matt Carlson, Joe Cigich, Hayden Davidson, Joe Davidson, Mark Doyle, Lindsay Fairman, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Virginia Flick, Lou Geschwindner, Alicia Grandey, Kelly Grimes, Jen Gruendler, Jane Harris, Andrea Lies, Amy Marshall, Becky McGee, Greg Milinovich, Janet Mitchell, Phil Mohr, Jeanie Peters, Ray Raker, Renae Schunk, Kevin Sikorski, Adam Smith, Greg Stangel, Carolyn Todd, Alice Wambold, and Jim Wambold

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

**DEVOTION:** D. Flick shared a reading from "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born, Hope is Here" by Max Lucado.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** S. Falke pointed out that he was excluded from the list of attendees at the October 24 meeting and requested that the minutes be revised to reflect that he was in attendance. The minutes were subsequently approved, subject to this correction.

**SENIOR PASTOR:** G. Milinovich reported the following:

1. Many good things have happened at St. Paul's in 2018, including technology improvements, approval of a new administrative structure, rollout of a new discipleship pathway, significant personnel changes, continued growth at Abba Java, examination of challenging theological and social topics, and creative solutions to financial challenges.
2. A key area of growth he would like to see us focus on as a church is our engagement with our neighbors and our community.
3. The recommendations of the Structure Task Force, approved by Church Council in September, will reduce the number of people on Church Council and administrative committees beginning in 2019. He thanked current Council members and strongly encouraged those who will be no longer serve on Council to seek news ways to be engaged with our vision in 2019.

L. Geschwindner asked who would be serving on the new Council. G. Milinovich read the names of the voting members nominated by the Nominations and Leadership Development Team. They are:

1. Chairperson: Dave Flick
2. Vice Chairperson: Alicia Grandey
3. Secretary: Jane Harris
4. Lay Leader: Darrin Thornton
5. Lay Member to Annual Conference: Phil Mohr
6. At Large Member: Jack Basiago
7. Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chair: Amy Marshall
8. Finance Committee Chair: Jim Korner
9. Wesley Board Chair: Steve Falke
10. Preschool Board Chair: Scarlett Miller

G. Milinovich noted that with the exception of Jack Basiago and Scarlett Miller, the above nominations were approved by vote at Church Conference on November 11, 2018. He state that a vote to accept the nominations of J. Basiago and S. Miller would be held during the New Business portion of tonight's meeting.

G. Milinovich further noted that Church Council includes one additional voting member, the chair of the Board of Trustees, who will be elected by the Trustees at their January meeting, plus three non-voting members – G. Milinovich, B. McGee, and J. Gruendler.

L. Geschwindner asked about the status of the resolution to change the Board of Trustees election process. G. Milinovich stated that it would be ready and shared with the congregation before the January meeting of the corporation.

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** B. McGee reported that three new book studies will be offered in January:

1. *Making Sense of the Bible*, led by Sue Justice
2. *Five Marks of a Methodist*, led by Lance Marshall
3. *Get Their Name*, led by Becky McGee

She also reported that three additional studies will be offered during Lent. Details will be announced at a later date.

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

1. Fall semester has gone well, thanks to the assistance of many volunteers and the good work done by Wesley interns.
2. Abba Java counted approximately 1,500 visitors last week.
3. Planning continues for Wesley's centennial anniversary celebration in 2020.

**MINISTRY MOMENT / GOALS and LAL:** J. Mitchell and C. Todd presented an overview of the GOALS and LAL ministries. GOALS (Going On After Loss Support) provides education, emotional support, and socialization for those who have suffered the loss of a spouse, parent, or child. The GOALS Committee sends out sympathy cards to our church families after the passing of a relative. The group also organizes social events and hosts special workshops. GOALS Committee members also teach and assist with LAL (Life After Loss), a six-week, faith-based educational support group for anyone experiencing a loss through death.

**BOY SCOUTS CHARTER MOTION:** J. Peters, assistant scout leader for Troop 31, provided background information on Scouts BSA's new parallel program for older girls that will allow participating girls to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout. She presented a resolution to charter a girl-led troop at St. Paul's with a launch date of February 1, 2019. L. Geschwindner asked if St. Paul's would have to pay a fee to charter the new program. J. Peters explained that there are no charter fees; scouts pay their own way. A motion to charter a Scouts BSA girls-led program was then made and seconded. A vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

**STEWARDSHIP:** L. Fairman thanked everyone who assisted with the fall stewardship campaign. She reported that 221 pledges have been received to date, totaling \$780,000. An effort to educate the congregation about online giving will take place in January.

**FINANCE:** B. McGee presented the proposed 2019 budget. She noted that it includes a 3 percent increase in staff salaries, \$15,000 for new programs to support our new vision, and \$16,275 to cover the Preschool's anticipated negative income. L. Geschwindner questioned the \$16,275 Preschool support, noting that it was his understanding that the Preschool was to begin 2019 with a balanced budget. B. McGee explained that the proposed budget is based on a worst-case scenario in which the four spots

that are currently open are not filled. The open spots will most likely be filled, however, in which case the support will not be needed.

A motion was then made and seconded to approve the proposed 2019 budget. A vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

**MEMBERSHIP:** V. Flick stated that total membership stands at 1,353 as of December 12, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS:** On behalf of the Nominations and Leadership Development Team, G. Milinovich nominated the following individuals to fill leadership positions that were unfilled at the time of the Church Conference in November:

1. Jack Basiago – At Large Member of Church Council
2. Scarlett Miller – Preschool Board Chair
3. Linda White – Finance Committee, Class of 2020

A motion to approve the above nominations was then made and seconded. A vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSING REMARKS:** D. Flick thanked everyone for their service on Council and encouraged those who are going off Council to become involved in other ministries. He reminded everyone that future Council meetings will still be open and all will be welcome to attend and ask questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary