

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & WESLEY FOUNDATION
JUNE 25, 2019

ATTENDANCE:

- **Voting Members:** Jack Basiago, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Alicia Grandey, Jane Harris, Jim Korner, Scarlett Miller, Phil Mohr, Darrin Thornton
- **Non-voting Members:** Greg Milinovich
- **Other Attendees:** Jeff Mugridge

CALL TO ORDER:

D. Flick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

Referencing the book "Together at the Table" by Karen Oliveto, G. Milinovich compared the Communion table with the family table. He noted that family members may disagree on various topics but can put aside their differences and enjoy a special meal together if they focus on their love for each other. He expressed his hope that those who come to the Communion table are able to do the same. He asked Council members to pair up and share their family meal experiences with each other and with the group. The discussion concluded with a service of Holy Communion.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

The discussion of chapter 7 of "Gear Up!" continued, based on two questions G. Milinovich asked members to consider prior to the meeting:

1. *How can we, as a council, make sure that we stay focused on our mission and vision, and not get bogged down by the details?*

Responses included:

- Focus on spiritual development
- Focus on leadership rather than management
- Avoid talking about reports; read and ask questions about reports before the meeting
- Get to know each other; practice meeting, making, and moving with each other
- Challenge each other to disciplining

G. Milinovich asked for feedback on room set up for Council meetings and ideas for how Council can bond as a group. S. Miller stated that she doesn't like it that visitors are not able to sit at the table with Council. She suggested that Council meet privately for spiritual and leadership development before the business/public portion of the meeting. G. Milinovich asked if it would be helpful to schedule a retreat to discuss/define the roles/responsibilities of the reorganized Council. The consensus was that a retreat would be beneficial.

2. *What do you think of the section on accountability on page 90-91?*

Discussion focused on:

- What are the church's goals?
- Are the pastors leading us toward those goals and how do we measure that?

G. Milinovich asked Council members if they thought it would be helpful to craft a covenant. The consensus was that developing a covenant as a retreat activity would help Council become a more cohesive group and serve as a long-term foundation for future members of Council.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 24, 2019, meeting were approved.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT:

G. Milinovich reported the following:

- Approximately 120 people attended the Town Hall meetings held to discuss the General Conference decision to accept the Traditional Plan.
- He attended the UMC Next Conference at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City in May. He reported that there was much division among the attendees and that nothing concrete came out of the meeting.
- There was little mention/decision of the General Conference decision at Annual Conference, other than a statement from the floor expressing dissatisfaction with the Traditional Plan.
- A survey to determine the extent to which St. Paul's members support the Traditional Plan or support exploring other options is being developed by A. Grandey. Council members reviewed a draft of the survey and proposed suggestions for improvement/clarification. A. Grandey will revise the survey and share the updated version with Council via email.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

There were no questions about the written reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Endowment Fund Distribution:** The Endowment Fund Committee recommends distribution of bequest monies in the amount of \$16,030, to be allocated as follows:
 1. Vacation Bible School Funding - \$300
 2. Gym Updates and Equipment - \$11,730
 3. Men's Retreat - \$2,000
 4. Sew What Ministry - \$500
 5. CPR/AED Training - \$1,500

The remaining balance of \$8,370 will be rolled over to next year.

The Board of Trustees provided a motion in writing that the above recommendation be accepted. A vote was taken; the motion passed unanimously.

- **Church Council Meeting Schedule:** In order to accommodate everyone's schedules, Council meetings for the remainder of the year will be held on Tuesdays. The dates of the next three meetings are August 27, October 22, and December 10.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary