

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & WESLEY FOUNDATION
AUGUST 27, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

- **Voting Members:** Jack Basiago, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Alicia Grandey, Kelly Grimes, Jane Harris, Scarlett Miller, Phil Mohr, Al Stewart, Darrin Thornton
- **Non-voting Members:** Greg Milinovich
- **Other Attendees:** None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

G. Milinovich asked Council members to pair up and share where they've seen God with each other and with the group.

G. Milinovich read a letter from District Superintendent Brenda Leigey about the upcoming State College Prayer Walk. The discussion that followed focused on the prayer needs of the State College community and barriers to meeting them.

Needs identified included:

- Affordable housing
- Mental health services
- Food security
- Homeless population
- Growing unchurched population
- Pay equity, in particular for service sector workers
- Public transportation
- Ethnic and racial issues

Barriers identified included:

- UMC's position on LGBTQ matters
- Population/demographics of State College
- Personal discomfort
- Complacency

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Chapter 8 (Strategic Planning and Evaluation Process) of "Gear Up!" was discussed. Council members agreed that the first two steps listed in Chapter 8 – Mission and Vision – are clearly defined at St. Paul's, but that the remaining steps – Core Values, Goals, Objectives, and Evaluation – are not. G. Milinovich distributed copies of a core values audit worksheet. He asked Council members to think and pray about goal setting and strategy ideas, which will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 25, 2019, meeting were approved.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT:

G. Milinovich reported the following:

- He is concerned about the health of St. Paul's – attendance this summer seemed to be down over previous years
- Staff additions: Tammy Peterson has replaced Kevin Sikorski and is doing a great job providing timely and accurate financial information. Sarah Voigt has replaced Jen Gruendler as Wesley Foundation Director. He is grateful to S. Falke for his leadership in the search for Jen's replacement, as well as those who served on the search team.
- The search for a youth director produced no viable candidates, so for the fall semester, a team of volunteers led by G. Milinovich will lead youth programming.
- The 2019-2020 worship plan is complete.

SURVEY ROLLOUT PLAN:

A. Grandey shared the final version of the survey. The congregation will be told about the survey at each service on Sunday, September 1. The information will be presented by a Church Council member, who will explain that a link to the online version of the survey will be emailed on Monday, September 2, and that paper copies will be available for those who don't have email or prefer to complete the survey that way. Church Council members will be available to answer questions between services.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

There were no questions about the written reports.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary