

Hope United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes – February 2015

DATE: February 19, 2015

ATTENDEES: Andy, Randy, Kristine, Alice, Jennifer, Robbie, Dave, Paul, Sue, Erik, Pastor Sarah, Pastor Ed

ABSENTEES: Bethel

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Council approved use of the premises to Default Theater Day Camp during the summer of 2015 pending contract.

NEXT STEPS/FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

1. Bank signers to meet and update bank account in February.
2. Kristine will contact Stewardship Committee to discuss research options on the topic of giving, estate planning, etc.
3. Topic of 'Faith Response to Violence' to be added to March 2015 Council Meeting agenda.
4. Paul to make contacts for a new council member to fill the open slot for 2015.

GENERAL NOTES:

OPENING

The meeting was opened by Andy at 7:08 pm. Pastor Sarah led us in an opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 15, 2015 Council Meeting were approved with minor edits.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alice presented the financial report for January 2015 along with an analysis of the 2014 stewardship report. Gina is still working on closing the fiscal year 2014 books. There was discussion on presentation of finances to congregation. Bank signers will meet at the bank to get added/deleted from the bank account for the new year.

PASTORS' REPORT

The pastors distributed a written report. Main discussion was about Neighborhood Houses not receiving the city grant needed to have summer camp at Hope. They are still looking for other grant sources.

OLD BUSINESS

Kitchen Rental

Erik reported Chef Richard will be ready to go pending business occupancy permit and a health permit for the kitchen space.

Member's Photo Directory

Paul reported that the committee was meeting with two studios for bids.

Chapel Flexibility

Erik reported that there have been two meetings regarding Chapel Flexibility. Joyelle has recommended changing the name to "Chapel Renovation" to better represent our mission. There are four meetings left. Focus will be on keeping the congregation aware of this mission.

Neighborhood Houses

Covered under Pastor's Report.

Stewardship Conference

Pastor Ed was hoping that a small group might attend a stewardship conference in Kansas City. In lieu of attending, a small group from Council will work with Stewardship Committee, do research on estate planning, what other churches are doing, and how we can involve other committees like Finance/Insurance. Members will include Kristine, Dave and Andy.

Tennessee Mission Trip

Discussion over the details of the visiting group from Tennessee during March 15-21, 2015.

Donut Sponsorship

Sue collected money for donut sponsorship by Council members.

Mizzou Alternative Spring Break

Discussion over the details of the visiting group from University of Missouri. Concern over no heat in Fellowship Hall. It was determined that the group will stay mainly in the Friendly Room area.

Children's Theater Camp

Robbie reported that the camp would be July 27 – 31. The group would be okay with potential limitations with Neighborhood Houses. The camp will run from 9 to 4 daily with performances on Saturday at 3 pm and 7 pm. There was discussion and Andy made a motion to approve the use of the premises by Default Theater Day Camp pending contract. Randy seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Faith Response to Violence

Andy introduced this topic in response to email response after the death of Scott Knopfel. The question was raised as to what Hope can do. Pastor Sarah suggested attending the Sacred Conversation on Race at Eden Seminary and Gethsemane Lutheran Church. After discussion Council decided to add this to the March agenda for further discussion.

New Council Member

Paul volunteered to seek out candidates to complete a one year term in 2015.

Minutes Distribution

There was discussion regarding the distribution of council minutes to committee chairs in a timely fashion.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Building and Property

Randy reported that B&P is currently investigation heating options for Fellowship Hall.

Finance & Insurance

No Report

Hospitality

No Report

Outreach

No Report

Special Events

Spaghetti Dinner on March 14, 2015

Stewardship

No Report

Pastoral and Staff Relations

No Report

Worship & Liturgical Arts

No Report

Youth & Children

No Report

Evangelism and Communication

There are continued improvements on the Facebook page. On April 19, there will be a Ministry and Activity Fair.

REMEMBERING BARB

In honor of Barb Hobart, Council observed a moment of silence and shared memories of our longtime friend.

CLOSING

With no further business appearing, the meeting was closed at approximately 9:17 pm with a prayer by Pastor Ed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine, Secretary