

Hope United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes – March 2015

DATE: March 19, 2015

ATTENDEES: Randy, Kristine, Alice, Jennifer, Dave, Paul, Susan R, Erik, Bethel, Susan M, Pastor Sarah

ABSENTEES: Andy, Robbie, Pastor Ed

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Council approved the transfer of unmade deposits from 2012-2014 from the Endowment Fund to the Bank of America Checking Account.
2. Capital Improvement Fund will be used to add fire suppression system to kitchen.

NEXT STEPS/FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

1. Kristine will contact Stewardship Committee to discuss research options on topics of giving, estate planning, etc.
2. Topic of 'Faith Response to Violence' to be added to April 2015 council agenda.
3. Paul will continue research into Crowdfunding idea.
4. Sarah checking on Council Retreat possibilities and dates.

GENERAL NOTES:

OPENING

The meeting was opened by Randy at 7:03 pm. Pastor Sarah led us in an opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Council Meeting were approved.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

New council member Susan M was welcomed. She will be serving a one year term.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alice presented the financial report for February 2015. Clinton R from Finance/Insurance presented a review of financials and history of the Endowment Fund. It was determined that actual transfers from the Endowment Fund were not made in 2012, 2013 and 2014. A motion was made to make the transfer of past due deposits of \$36,900 from the Endowment Fund to the Bank of America Checking Account. The motion was unanimously approved.

PASTORS' REPORT

The pastors distributed a written report. Highlights included Holy Week activities of Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms at Francis Park, Maundy Thursday Dinner, open slots for overnight vigil, and communion on Easter Sunday. Also mentioned was web sign-up available for Deanna's Cooking Class. Pastor Sarah is supervising an Eden student once a week.

OLD BUSINESS

Kitchen Rental

Erik reported that four inspections were done and a town meeting would be held before Chef Richard would be able to start using the kitchen. Inspection results will delay this start. Electrical inspection passed. To pass plumbing, we will need to add a hand sink. For Building inspection we need new lights in exit signs and clearly visible address numbers on each door. To pass Mechanical inspection, we will need to add a fire suppression system to the kitchen, update hood and weld duct work, and add Class E fire extinguishers. Ballpark cost for repairs is \$10-14K. Public hearing for 'Special Use' will be April 1. Council agreed to use Capital Improvement funds to pay for repairs and maintain investment in our future.

Member's Photo Directory

Paul reported that two photography studios were researched. The committee chose LifeTouch. Now they are setting dates, most likely in mid to late August.

Chapel Flexibility

Erik reported that there was another meeting. Photos of the 'before and after' project at Notre Dame Chapel were shared.

Faith Response to Violence

Dave reported that Worship and Liturgical Arts would like to have input on this subject. More discussion to occur at April Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Fundraising Idea

Paul gave a detailed presentation on the subject of Crowdfunding. He will continue to do research and report to council in April. Any comments or ideas should be forwarded to Paul.

Council Retreat

Pastor Sarah reported that Ed had tentatively reserved the Marianist Retreat Center for August 14-15. Council discussed whether the place, date, cost and format still worked. After discussion, there may be a date and location change.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Building and Property

Randy reported that B&P has researched different heating options for Fellowship Hall ranging in costs from \$30K-\$70K.

Finance & Insurance

Clinton joined Council Meeting for review.

Hospitality

No Report

Outreach

No Report

Special Events

No Meeting. Spaghetti Dinner.

Stewardship

No Report

Pastoral and Staff Relations

Written Report

Worship & Liturgical Arts

Written Report

Youth & Children

Written Report

Evangelism and Communication

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

CLOSING

With no further business appearing, the meeting was closed at approximately 9:14 pm with a prayer by Pastor Sarah.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristine, Secretary