

## **Hope United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes – April 2015**

**DATE:** April 16, 2015

**ATTENDEES:** Andy, Randy, Alice, Kristine, Dave, Erik, Jennifer, Bethel, Susan M, Robbie, Paul, Pastor Sarah, Pastor Ed

**ABSENTEES:** Susan R

### **DECISIONS MADE:**

1. Electronic Approval: Council passed a motion for Kitchen Mechanical, LLC to provide repair work on the kitchen with funds from the Capital Improvements Fund.
2. Council approved a motion to fund \$800 for Jim Threlkeld to attend this year's Montreat Conference.
3. Council approved new carpet in nursery to be paid from Small Building Projects.

### **NEXT STEPS/FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:**

1. Kitchen repairs and inspection plus town meeting needed for permit for Chef Richard David.
2. Continue to pursue ideas on 'Faith Response to Violence' and follow up on options.
3. Council to read "Not Your Parent's Offering Plate" by J. Clif Christopher and research stewardship topics.
4. Bethel to follow up on potential fund raising concert/performance in the fall.

### **GENERAL NOTES:**

#### OPENING

The meeting was opened by Andy at 7:00 PM. Pastor Sarah led us in an opening prayer.

#### MINUTES

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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Alice presented the financial report for March 2015. Endowment Fund transfer of \$36,900 was completed and deposited in April. March income was less than March expenses to the effect of \$7,678.03.

## PASTORS' REPORT

The pastors distributed a written report. Pastor Sarah reported that there will be a Confirmation Class for grades 7 & 8 beginning in August. Maundy Thursday attendance was about the same as last year. Good Friday attendance increased. Upcoming events in April include Chapel Renovation meeting on 4/19; Share Night at Culvers on 4/20; New Members Class on 4/26.

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Kitchen Rental*

Erik reported that repairs were being done however they could take up to 3 weeks. A town meeting will need to be set up through alderwoman Donna B. Address numbers needed on doors are to be completed by Ethan by 4/19.

### *Member's Photo Directory*

Photo directory is scheduled for Aug 20-22.

### *Faith Response to Violence*

Andy began the conversation by asking 3 questions. What conversations do we need to have? What justice/service activities could we do? How do we communicate to our congregation? Council discussed several ideas and Pastor Sarah reported specifically to activities that are being done in Scott K's memory by the Drury Inn which has established a fund for families in crisis and Bartolino's which has established a scholarship for hotel/hospitality studies in honor of Scott. They will be having a Dine Out fundraiser in October. Council will continue to pursue ideas and then look at options.

### *Stewardship and Finance*

Council is reviewing the purpose of the Stewardship and Finance ministry teams. Council will do research on how other churches view and act on the topics. In addition, Council members will read or reread the book "Not Your Parent's Offering Plate" by J. Clif Christopher. A special Council Meeting will be held to discuss findings.

### *Crowdfunding*

Paul reported more on the topic of Crowdfunding. He is looking at ways to Help Hope Help. Next step is to look at our missions to see how a crowdfunding could be implemented.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Fundraising Idea*

Bethel raised the idea of a concert in the fall by Erin Bode. She will contact and get more information to see if this is a possibility.

### *Montreat Conference Funding*

In the past, Council has authorized funds for Jim Threlkeld to attend the Montreat Conference. After discussion a motion was presented to fund \$800 for this purpose. The motion was passed unanimously.

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### *Building and Property*

Randy reported that contracts had been signed for the kitchen repairs.

### *Finance & Insurance*

No Verbal Report

### *Hospitality*

No Verbal Report

### *Outreach*

No Verbal Report

### *Special Events*

No Verbal Report

### *Stewardship*

No Verbal Report

### *Pastoral and Staff Relations*

No Verbal Report

### *Worship & Liturgical Arts*

Dave reported that the ministry wants to be part of the Faith Response to Violence.

### *Youth & Children*

Bethel reported that new carpet was approved but needed to be funded. A motion was made for carpet to be paid for from Small Building Projects. Council unanimously approved. Highlights from Youth and Children's meeting included Teacher Appreciation and Camp Sundays, VBS is well on its way, new Sunday School curriculum and Confirmation Class.

### *Evangelism and Communication*

Erik reported that the Ministry Fair will be postponed until the Fall. In addition, the Facebook page will be moved to a new Group page.

## CLOSING

With no further business appearing, the meeting was closed at approximately 9:46 PM with a prayer by Pastor Ed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristine, Secretary