

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

**DATE:** June 18, 2015

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

**ABSENTEES:** None

**DECISIONS MADE:**

No decisions made by Council.

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

1. Kristine to follow-up with Chef David on license status.
2. Alice to update contact information on the MasterCard account.
3. Council members will continue bringing ideas for Faith Response to Violence to the July meeting.

**GENERAL NOTES:**

OPENING

The meeting was opened by Andy at 7:05 pm. Pastor Sarah led us in an opening prayer.

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 21, 2015 Council Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alice presented her findings on the use of Long Distance phone service by the Church. Since the cost was minimal compared to a potential 'per minute' cost for long distance, Council concluded to keep the plan we currently use. The Financial Report for May 2015 was distributed and reviewed. A need to update contact information on the MasterCard account was discussed and will be completed by Alice.

PASTORS' REPORT

A written report was distributed. Ed and Sarah will have overlapping vacations. During this overlap, Martha will be available for pastoral support. Randy requested a change for communion on July 5 from pew to intinction. Church Council will sponsor donuts on July 12.

## OLD BUSINESS

### *Kitchen Rental*

Erik reported that all work was complete with the exception of electric work to be done on June 24. Kristine reported on the permit process. Eric will give Kristine contact info to follow up with Chef David on status.

### *Faith Response to Violence*

Alice and Ed gave a report on a connection with Better Family Life. Jennifer reported on the Jennifer Joyce website and resources she had researched. Other ideas brought forth included setting up a public forum with trained facilitators, a partnership with Gethsemane Lutheran to create public conversations and a discussion with documentary film on the topic. Council will continue to discern the topic.

### *Stewardship and Finance*

A list of names was gathered. Pastor Ed and Pastor Sarah will review and discuss next steps at the July meeting. Ed contacted the UCC Stewardship office for information about having a workshop in St Louis with some other local congregations.

### *Concert Fundraisers*

Bethel confirmed that Erin Bode will hold a benefit concert in the Hope UCC sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, August 30 from 2:00 – 4:30 pm. Details to follow.

Paul reported that Vince Martin and Dawn will hold a concert at Hope on the evening of Saturday, November 7.

### *New Member BBQ*

Hope will host a New Member BBQ on Friday, September 18. Andy has volunteered to organize with help from Dave.

### *Pictorial Directory*

Paul reported that Autumn J is organizing. Dates for taking photos are August 20-22.

### *Chapel Renovation*

Sarah reported that a meeting was held with Joyelle to plan an open meeting with the congregation. The committee's next meeting will be July 12.

### *Tech Team*

This topic will be discussed at the July meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Ignite Theatre*

A new theatre group is interested in using Fellowship hall for rehearsals and performance. Council expressed concerns regarding heat in the hall and Chef David's schedule. More discussion after details are investigated.

### *Parking Lot Trash*

It has come to church staff's attention that neighborhood people are leaving a noticeable amount of trash and waste in the parking lot during the week. The police department suggested adding a No Trespassing sign in the lot. Building and Property will explore this option.

### OPEN DISCUSSION

Paul led us in open discussion.

### MINISTRY UPDATES

#### *Building and Property*

Randy reported that they continue to look at heating options for Fellowship Hall.

#### *Evangelism and Communication*

Erik reported that the Ministry Fair will be September 13 along with Rally Day.

#### *Finance & Insurance*

No verbal report

#### *Hospitality*

Robbie reported.

#### *Outreach*

Sue reminded us about Blanket Sundays.

#### *Pastoral and Staff Relations*

No verbal report

#### *Special Events*

No verbal report

#### *Stewardship*

No verbal report

#### *Worship & Liturgical Arts*

No verbal report

#### *Youth & Children*

Bethel reported that the ministry is making a binder with 'what we do' for each event for reference.

Andy wants to get binders or flash drives to officers to keep reference material in one place.

CLOSING

With no further business appearing, the meeting was closed at approximately 9:15 pm with a prayer by Pastor Sarah.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristine, Secretary