

Hope United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes – December 2015

DATE: December 17, 2015

ATTENDEES: Andy, Randy, Kristine, Robbie, Sue R, Susan M, Jennifer, Paul, Pastor Sarah, Bethel, Dave

ABSENTEES: Alice, Erik

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Motion approved final contract for use of kitchen by Chef Richard David.
2. Motion approved to send \$200 of the proceeds from the November 14th fundraising concert to the Scott Knopfel Scholarship Fund through the Restaurant Association with the remainder going to Camp MoVal scholarships.

GENERAL NOTES:

OPENING

The meeting was opened by Andy at 7:04 PM with an opening prayer and dessert treats as new Council members Tiffany, Amy and Dan (not present) were welcomed. Thanks for service to Randy, Paul and Kristine who finished their terms.

MINUTES

Minutes of the November 2015 Council Meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Robbie presented the November financial overview. Income exceeded Expenses in November by about \$1,200. Markets were good with a gain of \$10K. Checking account balance is also good. Going forward, revolving accounts will no longer be reported.

In addition, a Spread the Love Campaign report was distributed. The remaining balance is \$40,630.90. Currently, Building and Property is looking to spend some of their allotment on parlor updates. The Chapel Renewal project will also utilize some of these funds.

Vanco Service Fund has a balance of \$29.60. This service has a \$35 monthly fee. If the fund is not replenished it will need to be taken out of General Fund. After discussion, the amount of giving via this service is worth the fee.

In general, giving YTD was on par with 2014.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was distributed by Pastor Sarah. Pastor Sarah shared the news of the loss of member Martha Stanfill.

Randy added that he brought communion maps and instructions to pass along to his successor.

OLD BUSINESS

Kitchen Rental

Erik reported that the updated contract with Chef Richard was complete. A motion was made for approval of the kitchen contract and approved unanimously.

Crowdfunding

Paul will be taking the crowdfunding idea to Stewardship Ministry as a friend of the committee.

Nov 14th Concert

Paul reported that the Nov 14th concert had proceeds of \$700. In addition Vince and Dawn would like to return to Hope for another concert, possibly a dinner concert.

There was discussion about distribution of the concert proceeds. A motion was made to send \$200 to the Scott Knopfel Scholarship Fund through the Restaurant Association with the remainder going to Camp MoVal scholarships. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Bonus Collection for Lamont

It has been custom for the members of Council to make a small donation for a Christmas bonus for Lamont. Andy suggested adding the members of all ministries to the donation. An envelope would be available in the office for donations.

Council Nominations

Randy made of list of recent nominations for future review. Pastor Sarah will keep it in her office.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dave led open discussion.

Sue M is scheduled for open discussion in January.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Building and Property

Randy reported that they tried to heat Fellowship Hall for the Breakfast with Santa and there was water leakage. Building and Property Ministry is narrowing down their options.

Evangelism and Communication

No Verbal Report

Finance & Insurance

No Verbal Report

Hospitality

No Verbal Report

Outreach

No Verbal Report

Pastoral and Staff Relations

No Verbal Report

Special Events

Paul reported that proceeds from Cookie Sale will go to the Family in Need Fund. The Spaghetti Dinner is being scheduled. They are looking for people who have Hep A vaccinations to work.

Stewardship

No Verbal Report—meeting in January

Worship & Liturgical Arts

Dave reported that plans are being made for January and February.

Youth & Children

Bethel reported that the Christmas pageant went well. She offered special thanks to the Van Nest Family and Autumn J for their help this year.

CLOSING

At 8:39 pm, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and Pastor Sarah closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine, Secretary