

**Hope United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes – April, 2017**

DATE: April 20, 2017

ATTENDEES: Randee, Amy, Robbie, Erik, Alice, Sue, Emma, Bethel, Andy, Jennifer, Pastor Sarah

ABSENTEES: Tiffany, Dan

GENERAL NOTES:

I. OPENING PRAYER

Led by Andy.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Andy)

Highlight electronic votes by Council so they are clear. Erik moved; Amy seconded. Minutes approved with changes.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT (Alice)

Property & Liability payment was due; that's why expenses were high this month.

Operating Fund as of March 2017 was \$66,577.23 and unrestricted checking account balance \$39,290.98. Nothing out of the ordinary financially.

Still working with Spectrum regarding no cost/no contract setup. Ron Z from Building & Property Ministry has been in on the setup with them.

Bethel asked how the e-scrips program is going. Alice said she's been meaning to make an announcement at church regarding this. Cards are still available in the office. Alice will make an announcement this Sunday. Sue recommended giving them to new members when they join.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Sarah's 15th Anniversary Sunday

There was discussion about celebrating Sarah's 15th anniversary at Hope and 20th ordination anniversary on May 21st. There will only be one service that day at 10:30.

Pastors' Boards

Bethel asked about making our Pastors' board current. There is no ending date for Pastor Ed's service. Andy suggested we ask Joyce about this first, then check with the Ministry teams. Bethel will ask. Some also wondered about the other board that is there which lists student pastors that were ordained through Hope. Bethel will add this to her list.

Parlor Update Appreciation

Erik wanted us to thank Ethan for all his work on the parlor.

Easter Sunday Service Appreciation

Sue wanted to say thank you to all who had anything to do with worship and music on Sunday. Suggestions were to include a "thank you" at each Council Meeting and in the minutes to those we should acknowledge for their contributions and hard work. We'll make this part of New Business each month.

V. OPEN DISCUSSION

Emma led us in Open Discussion. Her question was, "Can you recall your first memory of race or realizing what race was?" (Andy has May Open Discussion)

VI. MINISTRY TEAMS (ACTION ITEMS ONLY)

Building and Property (Dan)

No Verbal Report.

Bethel asked Randy to work on lighting and keypads by entry doors to the sanctuary, trying not to use expensive bulbs, plus they are difficult to replace. Lonny has a chart about what they do so we can be more conservative about our lighting and have written instructions by the keypads.

Evangelism and Communication (Erik)

Erik and Amy reminded us that Lanai coffee is having movies every month in the park. At the May 20th one, we'll have a booth covered by E & C.

Finance and Insurance (Alice)

Alice said they met on April 11th. They are going forward with changing banks (as approved by Council). Steve from Stifel will meet with us at 6:30 at our May 18th Council meeting to present to us and allow us to ask questions. For those that donate through Autopay, they will be informed about the date of the switch, although since their checks go to Hope, there is nothing they really need to change.

Hospitality (Robbie)

No Verbal Report

Outreach (Sue)
No Verbal Report

Pastoral and Staff Relations (Emma)
No Verbal Report

Special Events (Tiffany)
Sarah said they are taking care of meal portion of the St. Louis Association Meeting on May 4th.

Stewardship (Jennifer)
No Verbal Report

Worship (Robbie)
No Verbal Report

Youth and Children's Ministries (Bethel)
No Verbal Report

Chapel Renovation Team (Erik/Sarah)
Erik said they are having a meeting this Sunday after 2nd service.

VII. PASTOR'S REPORT (Sarah)

This Sunday is Holy Humor Sunday. Be prepared for jokes! Some of our newest members are taking care of Donut sponsorship in recent months, which is much appreciated. There are a few tours coming up of our windows, with Carol S W hosting. Thanks to Carol for this ongoing leadership. Sarah is having a meeting on May 7th with rising 7th and 8th graders and their parents to form a new confirmation class of 5, beginning in September and ending on Palm Sunday (March 25, 2018). A bigger class will be coming in two years.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

St. Louis Association Meeting Coordination Update

Sarah informed us that Paul C is taking the position of coordinator/greeter with several helpers recruited. Council is welcome to come greet but there are no official requirements for them.

Sarah's Sabbatical Planning Update

Jody is going to come to a staff meeting next week to get connected to the staff better. They will meet more in May to finalize plans. Jody will be here 12 Sundays – June, July and August.

IX. CLOSING PRAYER

We submitted prayers to the jar and Sarah led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer