

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

DATE: December 21, 2017

ATTENDEES: Pastor Sarah, Sue, Tiffany, Emma, Robbie, Andy, Ron, Kathy, Erik, Randee, Bethel, Amy, Jennifer

ABSENTEES: Dan, Alice

GENERAL NOTES:

I. OPENING PRAYER (Sarah)

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer. Andy had us introduce ourselves to Ron & Kathy.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Andy)

Robbie moved to approve. Minutes were approved.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT (Robbie)

Giving was up in general for the month of November. Sue mentioned there were a few special gifts outside of the normal white envelopes. Operating Fund showing an overage but actually went down by \$1,268.63. Robbie has a request to Gina to find the discrepancy and will email Council with the information. We should finish the year fairly close to even. Unrestricted fund is in good shape and should get us through the end of the year.

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT (Sarah)

Referring to her written report, Sarah pointed out the three services on Christmas Eve Sunday (one in the morning, two in the evening). She also pointed out limited office hours for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. DeeDee will be preaching by herself on December 31st. Jody has officially accepted our offer to be our part-time Pastoral Care Minister, working approximately 10 hours per month. He will begin in January.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Thank-you!

- Andy thanked the Liturgical Arts Ministry for Sunday's music.
- Sue thanked the office staff for all their work this month with all that had to be done.
- Emma thanked everyone for their help in celebrating Jim.
- Thanks to Lonny for all he does with bell choir.

Liaison Assignments for 2018 Ministry Teams

- Building and Property – Ron
- Evangelism and Communication – Amy
- Finance and Insurance – Dan
- Open & Affirming – Tiffany
- Outreach – Randee
- Pastoral and Staff Relations – Emma
- Special Events – Kathy
- Stewardship – Jennifer
- Worship and Liturgical Arts – Robbie
- Youth and Children’s Ministries – Bethel

One Body Ministry Update

The Visitation Team decided to change their name to One Body Ministry. It still functions like it has with teams visiting people. They’ve also been sending cards. They are still discussing whether or not they want to become a full standing ministry.

Ushering Duties

Robbie is looking for Council members to usher in January. Several volunteered. Robbie suggested anyone else e-mail her if available.

Fellowship Activities

Following up on discussion at Council retreat, Tiffany & Jennifer met to plan activities that promote fellowship among our church members. They’ve come up with a tentative list of four activities to do during the year. They are working on finalizing dates and details.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Robbie proposed the question, “What does Jesus look like to you?”

VIII. MINISTRY TEAMS (ACTION ITEMS ONLY)

Building and Property (Dan)

They are transferring some specific building operations budgeting responsibilities from B & P to the office staff. These include day to day supplies, etc. as office staff is in a better position to track this.

Evangelism and Communication (Amy)

No Verbal Report

Finance and Insurance (Alice)

No Verbal Report

Hospitality
No Verbal Report

Open & Affirming
No Verbal Report

Outreach (Sue)
No Verbal Report

Pastoral and Staff Relations (Emma)
No Verbal Report

Special Events (Tiffany)
No Verbal Report

Stewardship (Jennifer)
No Verbal Report

Worship and Liturgical Arts (Robbie)
No Verbal Report

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

IX. CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Sarah led us in closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer