

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2018**

Present: Andy K., Tiffany B., Ron Z., Erik H., Amy K., Emma A., Pastor Sarah, Robbie V. N., Randee L., Bethel H., Kathy S., Jennifer T., Dan E.

Absent: DeeDee Y.

I. OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer.

II. REQUEST FROM ONE BODY MINISTRY TEAM

Paul C. visited Council to request Ministry status for the One Body Ministry Team.

Paul explained that this team's purpose "is to maintain a personal 'family' connection with Hope's members and friends who need or ask to be contacted away from the church." This has developed out of the Visitation Ministry. Many voiced approval of this ministry. Ron moved that we recognize the One Body Ministry as a standing Ministry Team; Robbie seconded. Motion passed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robbie moved for approval; Jennifer seconded. Minutes approved.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Robbie & Tiffany, in the capacity of new co-treasurers presented the report. Because of the boost in end-of-year giving, we were over by about \$22,000 for the month. Our overall giving for the year was a bit under what we budgeted for, but expenses were also under, so we ended up with a surplus of approximately \$11,000 for the year.

V. PASTOR'S REPORT

Sarah passed around a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws so we'd each have a copy. Highlights to her report included Ash Wednesday on February 14th, as well as other traditional Lenten events. Sarah also passed around a write-up that reminds us that when we have Open Discussion at Council Meeting, we are expected to make an announcement at church on Sunday and write an article to go in The Builder.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Charting unlocked doors – Bethel said she was approached by church members about making sure doors are locked and the building is secure after people use the church. Examining the chart so far, three instances were noted from the past three months, all late afternoon, and it's the door coming from the parking lot. There was a Builder article announcing this chart and Bethel came around to each of the ministry teams. Bethel will repeat this action to remind folks again.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Monthly Thank-you!

- Big thank you to Sue R. and Alice G. for all they did in serving Council.
- Thank you to Sarah for all she had to do to perform all those services on Christmas Eve.

2. Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

Bethel spoke about the process they went through to hire Linda. A qualified member has come forward interested in the position, but there was discussion regarding whether or not a new search should take place. If so, recommendations included announcing to the church, Facebook and/or LinkedIn. Ron made a motion, Amy seconded, to ask YAC to decide themselves whether or not a new search is needed, and make their final recommendation of a candidate to Council after moving through their chosen process.

3. Ron has been helping Jennifer and Tiffany come up with an Eagle Watching activity to open up to the congregation. Ron is active in the HopeMates fellowship group and willing to organize many of the events we discussed through HopeMates. This group will still continue its own activities and overlap when appropriate.

4. Robbie recommended "Living in Tents" – a documentary made in 2010. Screening at the Tivoli, Thursday, February 22nd. Sarah will add it to some announcements to get the word out.

5. Election of 2018 Council Officers

President: Andy K.

Vice-President: Erik H.

Co-Treasurers: Robbie V. N. and Tiffany B.

Secretary: Dan E.

Assistant Secretary: Emma A.

Ron moved to accept proposed slate of officers, Robbie seconded, and the motion passed.

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Andy asked the question for Tiffany: What is your favorite airplane approach as you fly into a city? (Ron is scheduled for Open Discussion in February.)

IX. MINISTRY TEAMS (ACTION ITEMS ONLY)

- Building and Property – Ron reported that Jeanne R. approached B&P for a member to serve on the HopeMark Board, since according to their by-laws and our insurance guidelines, a church member needs to serve in this capacity. They selected Ethan H. to fill this position but Ron thought it was something that should have come from Council. Erik moved that we accept Ethan as our representative to HopeMark; Ron seconded, motion approved.
- Evangelism and Communication – NVR
- Finance and Insurance – NVR
- Hospitality – NVR

- Open and Affirming – a small group went to see “Kinky Boots” on Sunday
- Outreach – meeting in February
- Pastoral and Staff Relations – NVR
- Special Events – NVR
- Stewardship – 2018 offering envelope boxes are finally in and we’re asking people to pick them up and sign the list.
- Worship and Liturgical Arts – NVR
- Youth and Children’s Ministries – NVR
- Chapel Renovation Team – NVR

X. CLOSING PRAYER

After placing written prayers in our pottery vessel, Sarah led us in silent prayer and then the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer