

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2018**

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

Absent: Tiffany B.

I. OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Motion to approve July Minutes by Erik; seconded by Randee. July Minutes approved.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Endowment Funds allocated for the roof per the congregational vote have been transferred into a money market account and are now accessible for the roof project.

July was a good month financially, and the church was \$5,336.52 in the black for this month. There were five Sundays in July and the Congregational Meeting on July 29 caused a spike in attendance for that Sunday, which likely contributed to the increase in giving.

A Budget Committee will be convening soon, and the committee will seek out past members.

The negative balances in the Memorial Fund and Outreach Fund will be looked into.

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT

August 21 at 7:00 p.m. Summer Justice Movie Series at St. Mark's.

The Church Office will be closed on September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

July attendance was up slightly from 2017. The July 29 Congregational Meeting caused a spike in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 75th Anniversary Update: The 75th Anniversary Committee has been formed and Autumn Jennings is the chair; the main celebration is slated for late June, 2019.

B. It was determined that Council has the authority to move money in the Spreading the Love Fund among subcategories within the Fund.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Monthly thank you!

- The Hope UCC congregation for the high level of attendance and unanimous vote at the July 29 Congregational Meeting.
- The Finance & Insurance and Building & Property Ministries for all the work that went into the presentation on July 22 and July 29.
- Ron Zimmer thanked his medical team and the congregation for the treatment and support during his recent medical issue.
- Ethan Hale for his efforts and dedication to his responsibilities while spending a considerable amount of time out of town this summer.
- William and Charles Mennerick for the hard work and dedication while filling in for Ethan this summer.

VII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Robbie led open discussion with the theme of what former church events you miss and why.

- Robbie: the Halloween party
- Emma: outside Sunday service
- Ron: the parade of cars from Hope to Eden
- Jennifer: the annual flea market at the church where she grew up
- Kathy: game night at her old church in Texas
- Andy: the hanging of the greens at his old church

VIII. MINISTRY TEAMS (ACTION ITEMS ONLY)

- Building and Property – Ethan has returned and will resume his duties; the roof contractors have been reduced to 2 (Kirberg has withdrawn) and they hope to have final bids by the end of August. Giving envelopes dedicated to roof fundraising will be placed in the pews.
- Evangelism and Communication – NVR
- Finance and Insurance – NVR
- Hospitality – NVR
- One Body Ministry – NVR
- Open and Affirming – NVR
- Outreach – NVR
- Pastoral and Staff Relations – NVR

- Special Events – Talent Show is coming up
- Stewardship – the Stewardship Campaign is progressing
- Worship and Liturgical Arts – NVR
- Youth and Children’s – NVR

IX. CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan E.