

**HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 20, 2018**

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

**Absent:** Amy K.

**I. OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer.

**II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES**

Motion to approve August Minutes by Ron; seconded by Erik. August Minutes approved.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

August operated at a \$4,336.51 deficit, likely due to light attendance on Sundays.

The Endowment Funds allocated for the roof project have been liquidated to a money market account for easy access during the roof project.

Moving payroll services in-house may require changing accounts at Lindell Bank. The new account may incur more fees than the previous one, but it is believed that the savings from canceling the payroll service will still result in a net positive.

The matching fundraising campaign for the new roof has raised over \$7,500.00 to date.

**IV. PASTOR'S REPORT**

The October 7 services will feature Rev. Dr. Clint McCann and Richard Colligan.

The Talent Show will take place on October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. The Budget Committee has been formed and is working on the upcoming budget.

B. The Nominating Committee reported that Council will be losing 4 members at the end of the 2018 Term, and is actively seeking replacements for Council moving forward. There was discussion about revisiting how many members should comprise Council given that the congregation size has reduced over the years. The various church ministries are also seeking new membership.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The Quilters have generously donated a quilt as a fundraising piece for the roof. Details to follow.
- B. The Miller Group has submitted a proposal to create a new website for Hope and to perform hosting/monitoring services as well. Council reviewed the proposal and found it to be very reasonable. Ron moved to allocate Conference Call funds for the website proposal, to be used starting in January 2019. Robbie seconded. Motion passed. Council then recognized and thanked Lonny Davis for his dedication and expertise in maintaining the current website.
- C. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Eden Student Pastor Carrie will not be able to remain as a Student Pastor, and Hope will likely not have a replacement for her due to the unexpected absence.

## **VII. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Randee led Open Discussion by sharing what apps on her phone are the most critical to her and why.

## **VIII. MINISTRY TEAMS (ACTION ITEMS ONLY)**

- Building and Property – the roof project is moving forward and they are meeting with the contractor the week of 9/24 to finalize the project.
- Evangelism and Communication – gave an update on Art in the Park and reported that the Hope booth will be fully staffed.
- Finance and Insurance – NVR
- Hospitality – NVR
- One Body Ministry – meeting 9/23.
- Open and Affirming – working on a transgender education program for the youth.
- Outreach – NVR
- Pastoral and Staff Relations – NVR
- Special Events – NVR
- Stewardship – the Stewardship Campaign “Hope Shares” is in full swing and mailers have been sent to the congregation. A recent estate planning seminar was successful.

- Worship and Liturgical Arts – NVR
- Youth and Children’s – NVR

**IX. CLOSING PRAYER**

Pastor Sarah led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan E.