

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Council members present: David Badarak, Kristi Caruso, April Clark, Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas, Mark Ennis, Allen Gunther, Michael Isaacs, Cheryl Kincaid, David Lange, Pam Lange, Gary Peters, Diane Poet, Dee Salisbury, Barbara Schultz, John Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm. Prayer offered by Pastor Geoffery Drutchas.

Roll Call of Council Members/Staff – April Clark

Guest of Council: Worship Planning Ministry – Tracy Hoffman

Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas explained what Worship Planning Ministry is. Meeting are every month for about an hour and a half. We talk about the upcoming calendar. Talk about Make a Wish card. Suggestions are welcomed. Pastor ask what we can do to be creative. What can we do to add pizzazz? Thanked Mark for 15 plus years of service. Tracy and Pastor work well together.

Tracy Hoffman is really interested in the success of music programs. In his one year as Music Director he has felt very welcome. In the Chancel Choir there are 18 people, looking for more. In the Bell Choir there are 5 ringers, more people are needed. Music is very easy, if you can count, you can play. Volunteer Choir – flash mob. All are invited to come and sing. They meet once a month.

If he has a budget, he will spend the budget. In the process of getting microphones in Chancel. Discussion about visiting musicians will require some expenses.

Tracy feels that the Organist should be paid more.

Thanks to Tracy for coming.

Additions and Deletions to Agenda – Electronic Giving – Add to Old Business

Motion by Barb Schultz seconded by Dave Lange to Accept minutes of June 12, 2018. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Gary Peters. Budget is better than last year. Heating and Energy is falling short, because the envelope is only every other month. Endowment Fund is over budget. Expenses under budget. Motion by Dave Lange seconded by John Smith to accept the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

Reports and Updates (Staff/Council) - Pastor Drutchas

Pastor Drutchas was on vacation for the month of August. Pastor Schalm and Pastor Kren were on call for services. Discussed Bible Book Discussion. Discussed Christnet. People are needed to help. Confirmation Class is beginning. Pastor is taking Confirmation Class to Ship She Wana in Indiana. Neighboring UCC Churches are looking to join young people in Confirmation Class. Conversations are progressing.

Health Ministry - Pastor Drutchas

Report on the Evangelical Home of Michigan. Discussion at board meeting about our Parish Nurse Program. The UCC Evangelical Home in Sterling Heights was sold to another organization. Home is an Alzheimer Center and Medicaid can no longer support the home.

Pastor Drutchas added the Ordination of Ethan Drutchas and 30 year of service by Pastor Drutchas will be on September 16, 2018. There are concerns about the Ushering situation. The bus tour will be October 11, 2018. Bus is full, names will be put on a waiting list.

Christian Education provide a printed report which outlined their activities, progress and plans for the near future.

Trustee – Michael Isaacs

The Furnace pump was replaced. A leak was found, and it was dripping on the boiler. That will be fixed. Security Education is holding meetings. 30 people attended. WCCC came in for Assailant Training. Next meeting to be held when the date is secured.

A new sign has been approved. The company is Universal LED. Cost will be approximately \$25,000. The sign will cost approximately \$19,000.00 and the electrical will cost approximately \$6,000.00. Software included.

New WIFI equipment has been ordered. Chancel microphones are being looked at.

Deacons – Al Gunther Report Given

Elders – Dave Lange

Council help is needed for World Wide Communion. Signup sheet passed around.

Old Business

Discussion about putting electronic giving cards in red books.

New Business

Ethan Drutchas will be Ordained on September 16, 2018 at 4pm. Reception after. Help is needed. Chancel Choir and Children's Choir will be participating. Christnet is October 14- 21, 2018. Christnet Dinner is on October 20, 2018 cost is \$50.00 per person. A donation was received from Estate of Bill T. for Christnet. The monies will be presented through St Paul at the Christnet dinner.

Website discussed. There is a hosting issue with the platform our website is running on. The company we have will no longer be supporting the unit it is on. Cost is approximately \$800.00 to move site over to new server. Motion by Dave Lange seconded by Barb Schultz to Update our website and expenses. Motion carried.

Proof readers are needed for the new website.

Memorial Fee – Honorarium for Pastor, Organist and Sexton.

Motion made by Dave Lange seconded by Cheryl Kincaid – Motion to accept new memorial funeral service fees schedule for members and non-members. Motion carried.

Motion by Al Gunther seconded by Cheryl Kincaid to adjourn meeting.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Meet adjourned at 9:25pm

Submitted by April Clark.