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PCUMC COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 14, 2016

ATTENDING: Linda Bailey Chris Burr June Richards Paul Smith
Doris Hixson Terry Hixson Gary McCullough Karen Wenck
Tom Wenck Sid White Deb Valler Gayla Pressner

LOVING: Terry Hixson presented a devotion based upon Philippians 4:12—19.

LEARNING: Lay Leader and Council chair presented information on the work of the Church Council.

A broad description of the work of the church council is to envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate our congregation's ministry and mission. This description implies that the the council hold a broad view or "big picture" of our congregation's future, of the way our church will live into the mission of "making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

A second implication for the Council is for the group to manage and administer the ongoing life of the congregation; to oversee and coordinate ministry among several groups including trustees, finance, discipleship groups, outreach efforts, pastor-parish relations, leadership nominations, and others.

The third implication of the Council's defining work is to schedule and seriously evaluate our congregation's ministries. An important role of our Council leaders is to be constantly seeking ways to be more effective. The Council must constantly evaluate ministry, always seeking better ways to be the people of God in our community.

LEADERSHIP: The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as written with the clarification that the new starting time of 5:30 p.m. be on the first Monday of each month.

Immediate discussion followed concerning whether or not the first Monday of each month is the best day for Council meetings. Currently, the plan is to discuss the meeting day with the new pastor. Several work areas expressed a desire for the Council to meet later in the month.

FINANCE Chair Gary McCullough presented a detailed financial report. Briefly summarized, the report states that currently our budget is in the black, the audit has been completed through 2015 with no action necessary by Council.

Gary brought the motion to the Council to void the contract previously made with Push-Pay because the company had misrepresented their capabilities for accepting online contributions. The Council approved this motion by consensus with no dissenters.

Gary brought to the attention of the Council that a bequest of \$100,000 is being given to the church by the Philip McArthur estate. Gary reminded the Council of the decision to tithe 10 percent of bequests to Missions and to distribute 10 percent to the Trustees' operating budget. After these deductions, \$80,000 remains.

Finance committee recommends giving \$5,000 toward our Fall Extravaganza and holding \$25,000 in escrow for the General Fund. This measure was approved by consensus with no dissenters.

Gary then yielded the floor to Trustee chair Paul Smith who presented a resolution from Trustees that the remaining \$50,000 be allotted to the Trustees for continuing renovation. Council approved this measure by consensus.

CHILDREN'S REP. June Richards reported that the week day program currently serves thirteen children.

Fall VPK has 24 children registered. The 2-3 year old class is in need of an additional teacher.

Plans are underway to offer parenting classes for parents of our preschoolers and for parents within our congregation. The plan is to provide for both single and dual parent homes as well as for grandparents who are rearing grandchildren. There may be more than a single class offered.

VBS that is running on Sunday mornings in June has 34 children enrolled.

TRUSTEES Chair Paul Smith reminded the Council of the detailed report given to the congregation of the trustees work. Paul said that the locks of all doors for the church are in the process of being changed and the list of keys to individuals updated. The trustees are moving with caution but at a good pace toward the renovation.

WORSHIP Committee Chair Karen Wenck reminded the group that there will be one blended service on July 3, 2016, for the introduction of the new pastor Craig Moore.

The worship committee recently had a special meeting to detail our traditional worship practices. The group believes these worship practices need to be clarified as follows:

Three worship services each Sunday morning: 8:00 traditional, 9:30 contemporary, and 11:00 traditional. Traditional services' description include

1. Liturgical in character including calls to worship, pastoral prayer, offering and doxology, historic affirmations of faith, dismissal with blessing, hymns, and other music. Welcome, greeting, and announcements have been occurring prior to service's beginning—often on the screens.
2. Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month using a liturgy from the UMH. Communion is also available each Sunday following the 8:00 service and prior to 11:00 service.
3. Valuing the rhythms of the liturgical year, we include the observation of several events not falling on Sundays (Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Epiphany and Ascension Day, for example). We have a traditional Easter sunrise service with St James Episcopal in the outdoor chapel between our two churches.
4. Laity is involved in our worship services as acolytes, lay readers, liturgists, and communion servers.
5. Prayer cards gathered each week are a meaningful part of our services. Filled out prior to the prelude, they are collected during the prelude and incorporated during the pastoral prayer.
6. A mini message for children is presented each week in the 11:00 service for youngsters before they depart for Kids' worship.

SALTY SERVICE Chair Chris Burr reported that preparation of lunches for children has begun. The Whites have made a preparatory visit to Haiti and report that all is quite expensive there.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Submitted by Doris Hixson, substituting of Pat Winston, Recording Secretary