

OVUMC Church Council Meeting Minutes-August 6 2018

Attendees: Jim McIntosh, Michelle Sabin, Sandra Fincher, Bev Dwane, Karen Henzel, Rob Hyatt, Cleve Murphy, BJ Ellender, Rick Russell, John Clark, Beverly Ricks

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:30, and we prayed the Wesley Covenant Prayer. Cleve gave a wonderful devotion based on OT/NT Biblical Covenant, an agreement between two parties sometimes requiring the shedding of blood. Cleve went on to describe a particular concept of the covenant servant JW addressed in 1780, and our leadership aspirations in five points.

Jim commended Sarah Whitmer for our new website, informed the council that she will be available to help members register.

John noted that the new sign is installed, commended Tom Graves. John then informed the council that the Trustees are addressing reconfiguration of the light fixtures in the sanctuary. John said this is a “pretty big deal.” Michelle noted that the finance committee is aware.

BJ said Health/Wellness has a new member in Janice Yow, Holy Yoga continues, Divorce Care will resume meeting shortly with new curriculum, and BJ expressed how much she enjoys writing in the Newsletter.

Karen passed out expense reports, said July was very average, except for a few more expenditures, such as VBS, which we didn't have last year, the expense of repairing the fire monitoring system, and quarterly building insurance payment. She said for the year we're still \$1,000 to the good.

Rob said preparations are underway for a stewardship campaign, and Finance Committee will meet in September to work out budget proposal for October. Michelle asked if there's a more visible way for folks to give via credit cards, and discussion ensued. Karen said we've had a good response to VANCO. Rob suggested printing the various ways to give on the pledge cards, newsletter, etc.

Sandra said the cleaning contract is working “ok,” may need some minor tweaks. She told council we've extended the probation period for three more months, and will require an exact number before we commit to an annual contract. Everyone agreed the man was working really hard on stripping the floor, and Jim informed

us that the response to spend that \$700 was unanimous. Sandra continued to inform council that pay for staff will remain basically the same as last year.

Bev said VBS was a complete success, reporting we had 35 children and 50 volunteers. She commended Joanne and Cleve Murphy for their ministry. She informed council that the fall new member's class will begin Sept.16, and run 4 weeks, completed before the bridge closes in October. Bev told us that Sharon Cooney is thrilled with the new Divorce Care curriculum, and that she plans a big outreach into the community before the next session starts on Sept.19. Bev also plans to offer a "Spiritual Gifts, Finding Your Place to Serve Class" this fall.

Bev then addressed the ongoing need to facilitate large groups /classes, said one solution presented would be to purchase office cubicle dividers to partition off a corner of the MPR, and install a large screen Smart TV (internet access) and DVR to facilitate DVD-based studies. She also brought to our attention the need to update and rebuild the audio-visual system in the MPR. Greg has assisted in providing quotes for a large retractable screen and projector (\$7,200-\$7,500). Michelle said she was planning an Advent series on CS Lewis' "Narnia," and how nice it would be to watch it on the big screen. Bev pointed out that in addition, the laptop would need to be replaced. Sandra said, and all agreed the A/V, and cubicle components of the remodel should be approached as separate projects.

Michelle said stewardship campaign/sermons will occur on September 16,23,30, with Consecration Sunday falling on October 7. Charge Conference will happen on October 28, pending the DS's approval. Nominations Committee will meet on August 28 at 6:30, and the next OVUMC Council will meet October 9 at 6:30.

Thanks and Love, RP Russell.