

**Prospect United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2015**

**Present:** Diane Ashworth, Vivian Brackett, Mike Fasci, Heidi Flower, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Sue Powers, Pastor Sorozon.

**Excused:** Lang Ashworth, Gary Gladu, Luisa Gladu, Karla Heister, Bill Katt, Terry Parker, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Bill Thibodeau, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

**Opening:** Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Opening prayer by Pastor Bob.

**I. Updates and/or new items:**

- Approval of June minutes; seconded and accepted.
- Mattie suggests that we promote Camp Quinipet earlier in the year, i.e. January, to allow prospective campers adequate time to apply for camp registration and tuition cost. Diane has plenty of pictures for a Powerpoint presentation to increase awareness—all agreed that it's a great idea!
- Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup> we will return to our two Sunday services – 8:30 and 10:00 am.
- Jackie was the recipient of the “Green Jacket” at the recent mini golf outing!
- Pastor Bob reports that in addition to recent baptisms at PUMC, there are four more scheduled in Sept. and Oct.!!
- Sue attended a NYUM Women's' Conf. and brought back a brochure on domestic violence, which will be available on a Sessions Hall bulletin board. It was suggested at this conference that a sermon be presented on this topic.
- In an effort to keep church records up to date, Tim brought up the subject of inactive church members, which should be explained to the congregation. Letters will be sent to inactive members for three consecutive years, explaining their names will be removed from our membership. Anyone can ask for reinstatement.
- Sue asked about a suggestion discussed at the June council meeting about turning off the kitchen freezers to save money. She questioned the wisdom of turning off the old chest freezer for fear it won't work when we try to turn it back on—the small amount of savings it could bring might not make it worthwhile. Mike will follow up.
- A question was raised as how best to celebrate the Rioux's, as they depart from our church. A suggestion was made to invite them back to a church service in Sept. when more members will be present.
- **Upcoming events:**
  - Sun., Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Ice cream social after service.
  - Sun., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Nominations after service
  - Tues, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Faith in Action mtg.
  - Sun., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Rally Day/Deep Blue Adventure Party
  - Sun., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation
  - Columbus Day Weekend – Mission Trip
  - Sun., Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – Laity SundayA future charge conference will take place when Rev. Kieffer can come to both PUMC and Asbury.

**II. Reports**

**Mattie –**

- Over the summer several families were helped by the Roberts Fund.
- Scripp cards sales have been slow.

**Heidi –**

- Both choirs will resume practice on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- She and Christa have met to discuss a new Sunday School curriculum called, “Deep Blue”, which is similar to the concept of our VBS.

**Mike –**

- Alarm system should be officially turned on in mid-September. For an accidental alarm trip we need to decide on a bogus code name and number, such as John Wesley and 1492.
- Re: our wi-fi cable; it was suggested it's time to replace the cable; however, Mike believes it is still good. Someone needs to climb up and check on it.

**Tim –**

- No unusual expenses to report
- September is the ideal time for Pastor Bob begin appealing to congregation to help with our economic shortfall.
- Tim has been busy robbing Peter to pay Paul—all legal, of course!!

**Closing Prayer by Pastor Bob.**