

Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2015

Present: Diane Ashworth, Lang Ashworth, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Terry Parker, Pastor Sorozon, Matti Verzino

Excused: Vivian Brackett, Mike Fasci, Heidi Flower, Gary Gladu, Bill Katt, Tim Kraus, Sue Powers, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Bill Thibodeau, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

Opening: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Opening prayer by Lang.

I. Updates and/or new items:

- Motion made and seconded to accept September minutes
- Church council meetings will move to Thursday at 7:00 pm. Next meeting will be Nov. 19th.
- Paid nursery care: Terry spoke as one who, with his wife Susie, was involved for many years in nursery and Sunday school. Given the declining attendance and our financial situation he believes the money would be better spent elsewhere, and all agreed. A motion was made and accepted to discontinue paid nursery care as of Nov. 2, 2015.
- The pamphlet (in the back of the church) needs to be updated, perhaps after the first of the year.
- A suggestion was made that the church could use a Promotions Committee in an effort to keep track of local events that PUMC participates in so that we could prepare in a timely manner. A calendar of upcoming events would be helpful.
- The recent Blessing of the Animals was a success and should be an annual event (and needs to be advertised).
- Terry reports that the Mum Festival will not be discontinued. Our church booth distributed 225 water bottles. Terry added that this event is a "good place to be seen".
- A "No Overnight Parking" sign should be put in the upper parking lot.
- The church is in need of a new snow removal company.
- A suggestion was made to have a pizza party after the sanctuary greens are put up on the Sat. after Thanksgiving

II. Reports

Luisa –

- **The Trustees are trying to make repairs more permanent instead of the "bandaid" approach.**
- **Sunday, Dec. 6 – PUMC will participate in children's "Backwards Parade". A suggestion was made that we could hand out a flier listing what we have to offer children.**
- **Ticket sales for Victorian Tea and Breakfast with Santa are doing well, and enough staffers are available.**
- **A local boy scout is interested in possibly painting our narthex for his eagle scout project. Gerry Lee should be contacted about this.**
- The 2016 Relay for Life will take place the first Sat. in June. A suggestion was made to have a "Bark for Life"—a walk that would involve dogs.

Carla –

- **Pledge drive will start soon.**

Matti –

- **Scrip card sales are slow. A suggestion was made to put a write-up in the Tower. Another suggestion is to get a credit card swiper for use with the Apple Ipad.**

Christa – (via Luisa)

- **Upcoming events:**
 - 10/25 - Trick or Treat for Unicef at coffee hour**
 - 11/13 - Game Night**
 - 11/22 – Bible Sunday**
 - 12/13 – Christmas Pageant**
 - 12/13 – Caroling to shut-ins**

Pastor Bob –

- The deadline for the booklet is Nov. 13th.
- **Nominating process going forward**
- **Expenses and income about where we expect to be. We will need a projected budget by charge conf. time.**
- **A new member will be received on Sunday, Oct. 25th.**
- **There will be an Advent workshop, similar to our Lenten workshop with Adam Hamilton.**
- **Nov. 10 & 17, 7:00 pm. A bible study on the story of Job will be discussed as a play. Members will read through the play and role play; stop and discuss.**

- Possible music presentations to PUMC;
West Point Gospel Choir – We would extend invitation for fall of 2016. We would provide lunch; free will offering; possible bus rental.
Steel Drum Group from Bridgeport. Would make a great summer concert in our back parkinglot.

Closing Prayer by Diane.