

Church Council Meeting January 19, 2017

In attendance: Carla Heister, Mary Rogers, Luisa Gladu, Jackie Palance, Carol Rivard, Susan Powers, Vivian Brackett, Matti Verzino, Beth Provost, Tim Krauss, Pastor Kim, Dave Corey, Jeanette Baker and Christa Wilson.

Excused: Heidi Flower

Devotions provided by Carla Heister

November 17 minutes were approved by Sue Powers, seconded by Carol Rivard, and accepted.

District Resource Day: Mary Rogers presented information regarding the Resource Day being hosted by PUMC on January 29th. On-line registration is now open and we need to promote the workshops within our church. Help is needed for the day, including guides to help people find locations of the workshops, refreshments, AV equipment and getting the rooms set up. A work day is scheduled for Sat., Jan. 28 at 10:00 a.m. Sue Powers volunteered to make the signage for the rooms showing where each workshop would be held.

Combined Worship, Member Nurture and Education: Mary Rogers discussed the combined meeting with ideas to bring more members into the church, and keep youth involved. Many ideas have been suggested, and it was decided the list had to be prioritized further. Those suggested to look into further were: have an Open House, Serving Saturday suggested to provide a breakfast for the police/fire departments, leaf raking. Also welcoming visitors with a PUMC coffee cup along with information about the church was suggested. Pastor Kim added that we will welcome 4 new members in February.

Faith in Action Team will look into the breakfast; council will develop the open house suggestion. It was also discussed that we need to nurture our present members along with reaching out to new members.

Fundraiser for purchase of an AED Unit for PUMC:

Carolyn and Stuart Brown have started plans for a fundraiser with a Christian Rock Band, the Eric Miller Group, for Sunday, Feb. 19 from 3 to 5 PM. Posters have been distributed. A donation will be requested at the door and refreshments will be sold at a concession stand. No food will be allowed in the sanctuary. Tim Krauss suggested that the cost for the band could be covered by music funds in the budget. The event will be posted on the church web page and facebook.

Faith in Action tag sale: Tag sale will be held in early spring, date to be decided. It was suggested that tables be sold to individuals wanting to sell their items, rather than the church being the only seller. The event will be held in Sessions Hall, so there would be no weather concerns.

Trustees: Two new members are being added to the Trustees. A Church Conference will be held on February 12 to vote these members in.

Trustees also reported that they are dealing with issues with the alarm system, as false alarms are being set off by members entering the church and not familiar with the alarm procedure. This is causing fees having to be paid to the police department who respond to the false alarm. Cards are available with the procedure to disconnect the alarm and should be given out to those who have access to the church.

Also reported was the need to get keys back from individuals who no longer need access to the church but never returned them.

It was also reported that the portfolio is doing well and gaining.

Middle Ages reported that the Breakfast with Santa had a profit of \$691. Approximately \$350 will go to the general fund. Dates for the Renaissance Dinner for 2017 will be April 29 and May 6. Luisa Gladu reported she will have help from St. Paul's youth. Relay for Life will be held June 9 and 10 on Memorial Boulevard. Team PUMC has been registered. A dinner fundraiser will be held on February 10 at Lola's Bistro in Plainville. Luisa also announced that the portrait of Mr. Sessions has been repaired and returned to Sessions Hall.

Women of Prospect announced that the bargain center is doing well. However, someone not connected to the Bargain Center had entered the room and disturbed merchandise. A lock on the inside of the hallway door has been installed. A key for the outside door will be made and kept in the office key box for emergency use.

The group will meet in February to discuss another Baked Potato/Movie Night on Friday, March 10th, movie to be determined. Cookbooks are still available at \$5.00 each, and a new RADA Cutlery catalog is available and orders can still be placed.

Scholarship Team will hold a fundraiser on Sunday, February 12. Soup-to-Go in a mason jar will be sold for \$5.00 per jar. There will be no grinder sale this year.

Finance reported that a bequest had been received by the church in the amount of \$10,000. The Trustees will need to determine if its use has restrictions, and what the money would be used for. Tim presented an Accountable Reimbursement Agreement in the amount of \$5,550. This is an IRS requirement and needed to be voted on. A motion was made to accept this Agreement and approved. Tim also proposed a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan which allows Pastor Kim to pay his cost for health insurance as a pre-tax deduction. This plan was also voted on, and a motion was made to accept this Plan and approved.

Tim gave a report of the church finances. A suggestion that we look into increasing building use to bring in additional funds was made. The budget for 2017 was presented. The budget shows a deficit for the year of \$69,170. If the Trustees are asked to pay the total Apportionment from the portfolio of \$21,921, the deficit would be reduced to \$47,250. It was noted that the portfolio funds would eventually run out. It was agreed to table the vote on the 2017 Budget until the February meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:35 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Provost