

Church Council Meeting

April 20, 2017

In attendance: Carla Heister, Mary Rogers, Susan Powers, Beth Provost, Tim Krauss, Pastor Kim, Jeanette Baker, Chris Wilson and Christa Zaldivar.

Excused: Jackie Palance, Matti Verzino and Luisa Gladu

Devotions provided by Carla Heister

February 16 minutes were approved by Sue Powers, seconded by Tim Krauss, and accepted.

Pastor's Time: Pastor Kim announced that he is having a breakfast with new members on May 27, place to be announced. Council members are invited to attend. He also gave us an update on our member Donna Lazar.

Annual District Conference meeting will be held Sunday, April 30 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Meriden. Sue Powers suggested that an email be sent to all council members to alert them to this meeting. This will be DS Ken Kieffer's last conference, and there will be a celebration of his contributions as District Superintendent.

Retreat: Mary reported on plans for a fall retreat. She had not gotten many replies to her email asking what dates would be convenient. It was decided that the retreat would be set for Sept. 9 at Mercy Center in Madison CT. All members are welcome, especially council members and new members. The church will pay one half of the cost of \$36 per person.

Jill Wilson is starting a morning adult women's Bible Study. More information to follow.

Trustees: Chris Wilson reported that a Risk Assessment will be done for the internal/external of the church and the parsonage. Safety concerns will be initially addressed, and items that really need to be done or would like to be done will be noted. Chris reported that Ray Barker is concerned about the finances of the church portfolio, as \$25,000 per year is being used from the portfolio to cover budget shortfalls, and also to pay our apportionment. We are losing value of our portfolio each year, and running out of funds that are not restricted. In the future we may need to look into releasing restricted monies through a probate process.

Chris reported that the church has changed its insurance company to Guide One.

Chris would like to schedule a clean up day for the church grounds. A date will be determined.

Tag Sale: Jeanette Baker discussed plans for a tag sale in June. It would be held in Sessions Hall and tables would be sold for \$25 each. Individuals could sell their own items and then be responsible for removing any items that weren't sold. It was decided that June 17 was a good weekend for the tag sale.

Jeanette also reported on the Family Promise Program. Our church had decided to help as volunteers to another church. First Congregational Church in Bristol will be a host church as soon as their construction project is completed. The New Britain Day Center needs supplies and we could possible help with this.

Tim Krauss gave a report of the church finances.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Provost