

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2016**

Present: Pastor Kim, Jeanette Baker, Kathy Dube, Heidi Flower, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Kraus, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Sue Powers, Carol Rivard, Mary Rogers, Matti Verzino, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

Opening devotional: Pastor Kim

The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint Pastor Kim with our committees/functions and chairs/roles

Committees:

Education – Krista and Heidi

Coordinates educational activities, Cradle Roll, VBS, etc.

Worship – Mary Rogers

Coordinates ushers, acolytes, etc. Question raised — Who now coordinates Christmas “greening”?

History – Kathy Dube (Chair – Vivian Brackett)

The History Committee maintains knowledge of church history and an index of artifacts.

Kathy is the publisher of “The Tower”. She passed along an interesting FYI—the plaques hanging on the wall behind the choir loft were a gift from former Pastor Paul DuBois and his wife, Vivian, who purchased them during a trip to Italy.

Pastor Kim wondered if our church celebrates a yearly Founder’s Sunday. While we currently do not, it would be worthwhile looking into.

Missions – Jill.

She believes our mission should extend beyond our walls to national and international work.

Trustees – Luisa

Maintains calendar for church usage; researches vendors for church maintenance contracts.

Middle Ageds Group - Luisa

Activities in the past have included Renaissance Dinner, Victorian Tea and Santa’s Breakfast. It is hoped that we’ll have a Renaissance Dinner in 2017.

Nurture Committee – Luisa (Co-chair)

Coordinates Relay for Life

A question was asked regarding having a booth at upcoming Mum Fair. Luisa says an application must be submitted.

Women of Prospect – Jackie

Coordinates Strawberry Social, Bargain Center, retreats, cutlery sale, cookbooks (new one coming out soon!),

Prayer Chain – Jackie (coordinator)

SPR – Jackie

We will have a new Sunday nursery childcare person this September.

In the future she will do finance cross-training with Tim

Faith in Action – Jeanette

Coordinates collection (for underprivileged children) of backpacks and school supplies, Christmas gifts, Easter baskets, summer snack bags. Coordinates Souper Bowl of Caring. She believes this is a congregation-wide mission.

Lay Leaders – Carla

Our three lay leaders help out with Sunday service on alternating months. They are responsible for the service on Laity Sunday in Oct.

Stewardship – Carol

Coordinates scholarships (presented in spring); coordinates Super Bowl Sunday grinder sale.

Carol is the coordinator of building cleaning, and would like to be replaced! She wonders which committee does building cleaning fall under—Trustees??

**A short discussion followed as to how to handle the cleaning task. How do we ask people for help? Pastor Kim suggested asking building renters (like AA) to help with cleaning in lieu of raising their rent. Follow-up needed. **

Roberts Foundation – Mattie (Co-chair) (Roberts Foundation is a fund for women/children in need and our church children's ministry—i.e. VBS and camp)

Mattie also coordinates gift card sales and recruits acolytes.

Finance – Tim

Is responsible for all monies incoming and outgoing with emphasis on maintaining transparency.

**Pastor Kim's thought on stewardship: "As well as financial support, we should give our time, energy and talents to our church". He also shared that within the Korean UMC, parishioners think of their money going to God, as opposed to the belief that our money goes to the church. If we took the Korean stance, think of what could be? **

Safe Sanctuary and Steven's Ministry – Sue

Safe Sanctuary needs active promoting; Stevens Ministry needs a new leader. As disciples of Jesus, our ministry programs should continue to move forward.

Pastor Kim –

Has a three-step plan for his ministry:

Phase 1 – Wants to instill in us the joy of worship and a sense of belonging in our church.

Phase 2 – Wants to help us to grow spiritually by way of small groups such as bible studies

Phase 3 – Wants to lead us outside our church walls in missionary and community service work.

**One last note – At an upcoming fall council meeting we should shorten the business meeting and revisit the "Notebook" in an effort to strive toward a common goal. **

Closing prayer – Luisa