

PUMC Church Council and Charge Conference Meeting Feb. 25, 2016

Present: Dave Corey, Heidi Flower, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Krauss, Jackie Palance, Susan Powers, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Jerry Rivard, Rev. Bob Sorozan, Bill Thibodeau, Matti Verzino, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar ; **Excused:** Jeanette Baker, Michael Fasci, Terry Parker

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. This is a Charge Conference; the meeting was announced three weeks prior to today and the District Superintendent, Rev. Ken Kieffer approved the meeting. The polls for election of a Trustee for the class of 2017 are open with one announced candidate, Luisa Gladu. No other candidates came forward. The nominations were closed.

Approval of Minutes: 1) The meeting minutes for the January 21, 2016 Church Council meeting were approved as written. 2) The minutes of the December 6, 2015 Annual Charge Conference were approved as written.

Nominating Update: The Nominating Committee presented a nominations supplement with the following committee additions, all of whom were voted upon and approved.

SPRC Class of 2017: Eleanor Riker

Church Council Chairperson (until the end of 2016): Sue Powers

Financial Chairperson: Jackie Palance

Scholarship Chairperson: Carol Rivard

Around the Table:

Heidi – music report: preparing music for Palm Sunday and Easter. Christa will give the Education report.

Carol – the Scholarship Committee will have a ‘Bakeless Sale’ and will meet soon to decide on/if scholarships will be awarded this year.

Dave – enjoys being a Lay Leader.

Tim – will talk about finance report later in the meeting.

Jill – will be going on another mission trip in August to Nicaragua.

Bill T. – Men’s Fellowship will meet/discuss future and possibility of merging with another group. From Trustees, he received an e-mail from Mike stating that there is nothing to report.

Luisa – Middle Ages welcomes any help for the Renaissance Dinner. Relay4Life Team Prospect is 4th of 22 teams in fundraising for June event.

Beth – Roberts Fund is helping with the snack packs, has purchased Stop&Shop cards to help with food assistance requests, and is helping with Sunday School and VBS purchases.

Jackie – Women of Prospect will have a Movie Night (Mary Poppins) March 11. As Finance chair she will be cross-training with Tim.

Matti – she is new to Lay Leader and Trustee positions. The gift card sales are doing OK.

Christa – Sunday School/Children’s events coming up include March, 1) One Great Hour of Sharing and 2) Easter egg hunt; May 22, Children’s Sunday; June 20-24, Vacation Bible School.

Carla – Lay Leaders will be meeting soon.

Pastor's Report:

- 1) Irene Taylor is at Hebrew Healthcare.
- 2) Laura Taylor is doing well after surgery.
- 3) there will be two baptisms on Sunday, Feb. 28
- 4) Annual reports to NYAC are due by March 14 at midnight
- 5) Vacation days to report, March 8-12 (PA) will get coverage; April 18-26 (Disneyworld); Annual Conference June 8-11
- 6) In the community, Bob is stepping down from the board at St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Bristol. Would like a volunteer from PUMC to continue on the board, with meetings every other month on Monday

Other Business:

- 1 – At Annual Conference there will again be Global Mission Commitment recognized. Carla, as Lay Leader, will get the form filled out and submitted.
- 2 – Connecticut District Conference will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2-4 pm, at the West Hartford United Methodist Church.
- 3 – Connecticut District United Methodist Women will have an Ubuntu Day of Service, April 30, 9 am – 12:30 pm, at the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain.
- 4 – Simsbury UMC will have a Praying with Color workshop on Saturday, March 19, 1-3 pm.
- 5 – The Communication Form developed by Joyce Rioux will be sent to all Church Council members and it will be made available in the Church Office.
- 6 – There will be an open meeting on April 16 in the Connecticut District with Bishop Middleton; there will be more details coming soon.
- 7 – Finance - Tim handed out two finance reports, one that is basically the information for the Audit Report for Conference, and the other is the January Balance Sheet + Income and Expense Statement.
- 8 – People for the positions of 1) coordinator of Building Cleaning and 2) Stephen Ministry are still needed. Nominating will meet and report back with names at the next Church Council meeting.

Elections:

It was moved and approved that this be a Church Conference. At 8:17 pm nominations for Trustee were opened. Balloting took place and Luisa Gladu was elected to the Class of 2017 for Trustees. Ballots will be destroyed.

Devotion:

Sue read from John, the feeding of the 5,000 and presented thoughts on trusting in God to provide.

A long period of discussion and sharing ideas dealing with Prospect United Methodist Church's future ensued. We discussed our mission, purpose, focus, and goal. Before the next Church Council talk with your work groups; use church resources to guide us and then next month we will continue the discussion and move forward on our future as a church.

Next meeting of Church Council will be March 17, 2016.