

**Prospect United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2016**

**Present:** Jeanette Baker, Vivian Bracket, Dave Corey, Heidi Flower, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Kraus, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Terry Parker, Sue Powers, Beth Provost, Bill Thibodeau, Matti Verzino, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

**Opening devotional:** Carla

- Approval of November minutes
- Carla will be recording secretary at future church council meetings in Lynn's absence.

**Committee Updates:**

**SPR** – At a meeting in Dec. it voted on and accepted to increase the childcare budgeted amount to last year's budget line

**Luisa**

Middle Agers

- Report for December 2015 functions:
  - Victorian Tea – Gross profit \$2,753; net profit (to General Fund) \$1,269.19
  - Breakfast with Santa – Gross profit \$1,424; net profit (to General Fund) \$495
- Valentine's Dinner Dance is sold out, with the hope of raising \$1000.
- This spring's Renaissance Dinner is scheduled for May 7 and 14.
- The Relay for Life is scheduled for June 11, with a Caribbean theme. We need a chart to keep track of who's walking at what time. Looking for volunteers to walk "on behalf of" and "in honor of".
- Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for December 14.

**Heidi**

Education

- An after-service potluck soup and baked potato luncheon is scheduled for January 31.
- Souper Bowl of Caring will take place February 7. Members asked to donate cans of soup.
- The dates of this year's VBS is June 20-24, with a Surf Shack theme.

Music

- Down payment to Austin Organ for repairs has been made

**Jill**

- She and Chris will be accompanying youth ambassadors on a trip to Bolivia on Feb. 13-21. They will participate in a church construction project.

**Tim** presented the budget read-out for December 2015

**NEW ITEMS**

- Carla distributed 2016 monthly coffee hour assignments.
- There is district project to provide clean water filters for Nicaraguans at \$50/filter. The goal is 200 filters for 200 families. The cost includes filters, instructions, etc. Those wishing to participate should get their checks to Tim by 3/20, with "Clean Water Filters" written on the memo line. This info should go out in the Tower, on Facebook and as an email blast.
- Jeanette has accepted the post of Faith in Action chair.
- On 1/30/16 there will be a 24-hr prayer vigil for our May General Conference in Portland OR. Go to NYAC.com to link—sign up for a time to pray for clergy, delegates and conference business.
- We need to designate a new leader for building clean-up.
- Jeanette suggested a Sock-it-to-me sock drive to collect new socks for the homeless. Bring socks by February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- We need to look back at Joyce's guidelines for service projects. Designated recipients need to be identified before embarking on a project.

- The next Council chair should be nominated by Pastor Bob.
- The scholarship team members should decide what fund raising will be done in 2016.
- We need a new Stevens Ministry leader—possibly an Asbury member??
- Also need a Nurturing Committee chair.
- Tell Pastor Bob that the nominating committee needs to meet by February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a long discussion declining church membership.