

Prospect United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

April 21, 2016

In attendance: Heidi Flower, Vivian Brackett, Mattie Verzino, Luisa Gladu, Jackie Palance, Jill Wilson, David Corey, Christa Zaldivar, Mary Rogers, Bill Thibodeau, Beth Provost, Tim Krauss, Carla Heister, Susan Powers; excused: Jeanette Baker

Devotion: Teaching and Encouraging All – I. Corinthians 14:26-33

Some of tonight's ideas come from the guide on Church Council. There are guides for other groups/work areas in the Church Office as well.

Our House: continuing from last month. Us as a house, congregation as a spiritual house; who is outside our house or across the street.

Lots of neighbors don't know us...how to get known, what do we have?

Concerts	Warming Center	Health Fair	Sandwich Board	Newspaper notices
Ecumenical Service	Website	Facebook	Mum Festival Fair	Victorian Tea
Renaissance Dinner	Road Signs	Bargain Center	AA et al. meet here	

Who's on the porch – almost in the door

AA et al.	VBS	Tea	Dinner	Play group	Weddings	Easter&Christmas	Baptisms
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People who are moving in

New members	That young couple	Visitors	Those who left/not here
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-we don't know their names – Shame On Us

The people who are “at home” here are connected

How do our current ministries connect with these groups?

Cradle Roll (help those on the porch)	Snack packs (help neighbors)	VBS (invitation to come to church)
Teas/Dinner (invitation to come to church)		

Written methods aren't working.

How are other churches doing it? – welcome gifts

Nurture/Outreach – what are priority areas?

--TO BE CONTINUED –

Minutes of last meeting approved with correction – Luisa is spelled Luisa.

Business:

Susan: General Conference May 10-20, Portland, OR. This is the most important meeting of the United Methodist Church. Prayers for them.

Annual Conference, June 8-11, Jill will be there as a part of Missions; Tim is our elected Lay Member; Jeanette cannot attend so we can send someone else—think about attending. There will be four

offerings at Annual Conference; 1-Imagine No Malaria 2-Black College Fund 3-Bishop Jane Middleton School in Sierra Leone 4-NYAC Young Clergy Debt Assistance Program. Tim will get visuals to show in Church and we will collect money for Jill to take for these offerings. Jill will take UMCOR Health Kits to Annual Conference, but this is an ongoing project, so even if you miss this date, you can still contribute.

Education (Heidi): Carolyn Brown has requested that the church have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Chris Wilson will check on this in regards to our insurance and if NYAC has any advice/literature on this.

The Tower (forward from Kathy Dube): If the Tower is to go out the first week of each month then she must get all articles by the last week of prior month. A standing announcement will be placed in the Bulletin that all articles are due by the 25th of the month.

Ecuador Earthquake: will send a blast e-mail on Friday and announce on Sunday an offering (UMCOR envelopes)

Eagle Scout Project (Luisa): Tyler met with businesses for donations; Trustees have made individual donations; Middle Ages Group may donate \$100; no church donation; the colors are chosen.

Trustees (Luisa): getting prepared for parsonage work. Luisa is taking over the building use coordination. Has there been contact with the Austin Organ Co.?

Middle Ages: Relay4Life update. No decision yet on Mum festival booth for Saturday, Sept. 24.

Spring Clean-up: May 21 the Worship Committee will have a Sanctuary Clean-up.

Nominating Committee: no update; still need Stephen Ministry leader and building cleaning coordinator

Susan gave an Accessibility Audit to Luisa for the Trustees. It is recommended to be done annually. Susan gave handouts to Worship on communion and how safe is our coffee hour? Camp Brochures are here.

Finance (Jackie): The budget needs to be amended to add funds for moving the new pastor. \$4000 will be moved from the salary line to moving expenses. The motion passed. The salary for the new pastor will be \$40,000/annum. Electronic giving is going well.

Finance (Tim): an update of income and expenses was given.

Susan: one last thought. Perhaps Church Council can meet about three times during the year after church. This may encourage other congregation members to attend a Council meeting. Thoughts? "can't hurt to try" and "we'll test the water."

Next meeting is May 19, 2016.

Closing – Life of Discipleship