

## **Prospect United Methodist Church – Church Council – November 17, 2016**

**Attending:** Jeanette Baker, Vivian Brackett, Carolyn Brown, David Corey, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Pastor Yountae Kim, Tim Krauss, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers, Christa Zaldivar, Susan Powers, chair.

**Excused:** Jackie Palance, Matti Verzino, Mike Fasci

**Opening Devotion:** Susan read from Bishop Bickerton's new book: What Are We Fighting For?

**Pastor's Time** – Pastor Kim is glad for our working together, for example the UMCOR Cleaning Buckets, the Diaper Drive, and Breakfast with Santa. He is working on Advent planning. We need to think of our church as an orchestra, listen and tune ourself, not others, and at some moment we will make beautiful music together.

**District Resource Days** – Council came to consensus that we will host the Sunday, January 29, 2-5 pm District Resource Day. Pastor Kim will inform the District Superintendent.

**Charge Conference** – will be Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 7:30 pm. Group reports are due via electronic submission to the church office by November 28, 2016. ALL congregation members are welcome to attend Charge Conference.

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** – Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, 7:30 pm here at Prospect United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be in the dining room following the service and a request for these will be made the Sunday prior in church. Three volunteers are needed to help guide people to our dining room.

**Breakfast with Santa** – Luisa reported that many partners have stepped up to help us with this event. Ticket sales begin on November 27 with the event being held on December 17.

**Member Nurture** – Luisa stated that the first meeting of the year was held earlier today. They will wait until after Charge Conference to get guidance and move forward.

**Combined meeting: Education, Worship Member Nurture** – Mary reported the first meeting was held where brainstorming techniques were used to get ideas that were then categorized. The lists of ideas were sent out to all participants for feedback and prioritization work. The next meeting will be January 8, 2017, after church.

**Nominating** – a list of all people who have agreed so far to serve in the coming year was passed out. A few spelling corrections were suggested; other corrections/additions were made. This will be finalized for Charge Conference.

**Education** – Christa reported that Mary and Carol have started a Youth Meeting that will meet at the beginning of church service with the youth returning to service just before the sermon. Trick or Treat for UNICEF brought in \$280 for the program. Sunday, Nov. 20 will be Turkey Trot

where people bring in food donations; Dec. 2 is the coloring night; Dec 9 is the Parents Night Out event; Dec. 11 is the Children's Christmas Program; Dec. 18 is Caroling to shut-ins and delivery of cards made on Dec. 2. Confirmation class is combined between PUMC and Asbury with four PUMC confirmands included. Carolyn Brown gave a presentation on an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that she recommended we have in the church. Consensus of all was to begin to move forward with the proposal to get an AED and to involve Trustees and Finance, and with the continued involvement of the Education Committee.

**Middle Ages** – Luisa reported that Carolyn and Stuart Brown will represent PUMC and the Dec. 4 Children's Christmas Parade. Last year over 1200 candies were handed out. We will have candy and a flyer of Church activities for children and youth to hand out. The John Sessions portrait is being repaired/restored at a cost of \$750.

**Other** – Jeanette gave handouts and reported on a possible new community outreach program that PUMC could participate in. Family Promise is a program to help homeless families be able to stay together as they work to get back on their feet. It involves possibly offering our church as one of thirteen host congregations, or, alternatively having some of our members volunteer to work with a host congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carla Heister