

Prospect United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting

October 28, 2014

In attendance: Bob Sorozan, John Rioux, Joyce Rioux, Carol Rivard, Susan Lee, Matti Verzino, Christa Zaldivar, Diane Ashworth, Jackie Palance, Mary Rogers, Bill Katt, Beth Provost, Carla Heister, Vivian Brackett, Heidi Flower, Susan Powers, Scott Mc Neal, Luisa Gladu, Jeanette Baker

Excused: Bill Thibodeau

Devotions and prayer was led by Heidi Flower.

We need to find a volunteer to take minutes for the council meetings. It was decided that Nominations would be in charge of that task before Charge conference. Carla volunteered to do the November meeting.

September minutes were approved.

There was a long discussion on how to better use the resources of the church. We discussed the breakdown of all the committees. Council, Finance/Stewardship, Trustees, Nominating, and Staff Parish have to remain as is per the discipline. We moved around some work areas and came up with 4 work areas; Education, Nurture, Worship, and Faith in action. All small groups will interface with the whole church. We need to be sure that each group/work area helps people grow in faith. We decided to call each group a team and not committee. Maybe people will be more likely to join in if it sounds less intimidating.

Covenant to Care: Susan Lee reported that DCF will not be holding their annual Christmas party here this year. They are in need of a larger space. We will still be doing our annual giving tree along with Easter baskets and backpacks. We will have to step up our contributions because of the larger amount of need. Sue will bring a positive letter to the bulletin and Tower newsletter. We will be hosting their Discover the Spirit project. Further details to come.

Susan presented CCC FY 2013 and FY 2014 data regarding the number of Bristol and regional children served and dollars spent. The majority of which relates directly to Bristol.

Regional data: Bristol, Burlington, Plainville, Plymouth, Southington & Wolcott

FY 2013: 59 Children; value \$8,607.00.

FY 2014: 29 children (as of July 2014); value \$4,975.00.

BRISTOL ONLY DATA:

FY 2013: 53 Children (90% of Region); value \$7,917.00 (92% of Region).

FY 2014: 24 children (as of July 2014) (83% of Region); value \$4,065.00 (as of July 2014) (82% of Region)."

Pastor Bob reported that Mary Rogers has agreed to take over as chairman of the worship committee for the remainder of the year. They will meet the 1st Sunday of the month except in the summer.

Middle Ages group ran into a problem with freezer space because the fair committee is using it to house pies until November 22nd. They were able to find a donated one and will be able to hold the Victorian Tea. The form that is submitted to finance for approval will be changed to

include equipment needed. A copy of the form will be kept in the office for reference. John Sessions picture is being restored after a terrible accident.

Matti Verzino brought a fundraising idea to council for approval. It is a gift card program in which the church receives a rebate from every card we purchase. She asked the council for permission to open a checking account to finance the program. The program will be named PUMC Scip program. The vote was approved.

Finance reported that they missed the last meeting because of personal reasons. Next meeting will be held November 11th at 7 pm. They are ok with fundraising proposal and will review it with Tim Kraus. There was no update on apportionment payments. We started paying them again in August and hope to catch up by the end of the year. No funds are available for the alarm system at this time.

Photos of the current year events were requested for Charge Conference. To be submitted by November 19th. We would like to keep it celebratory. Reports should be kept to 1 page and submitted no later than December 1st.

We are hosting the interfaith service on Wednesday November 26th at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting November 18th at 7 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Carol Rivard