

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2016**

Present: Pastor Kim, Jeanette Baker, Vivian Brackett, Dave Corey, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Sue Powers, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers, Matti Verzino, Christa Zaldivar

Excused: Heidi Flower, Tim Krauss, Jill Wilson

Opening devotional: Sue

- Approval of August minutes

Pastor's Report:

On a personal level, Pastor Kim has happily settled into the parsonage. He recently joined Bristol's Rotary Club and Bristol Association of Ministers.

His visions for the first part of his ministry at PUMC are:

- **Welcoming Church.** To create a more welcoming, intimate, caring and cooperative atmosphere.
- **Worshiping Church.** We can take pleasure in worshiping God. In His presence our joy is complete.
- **Praying Church.** Prayer is a way of expanding God's presence into our daily lives; more precisely, a way of being aware of it in our lives.
- **Church of the Book.** To study (not just blindly follow) the teachings of the Bible, and figure out how to apply them to our lives.
- To create "A Growing Christian Community of Faith and Action".

His thoughts for future church activities include:

- World Communion Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Pastor Kim has invited Jill to share her experiences in Nicaragua. He also would like to invite Yaa Amoakohene and Manuel Zaldivar to read prayers and scripture in their native languages.
- Ideas for getting congregation more involved in worship services, such as "Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday".
- Small group Bible study
- Disciple Group (Cokesbury)
- PUMC Anniversary/Founders Sunday, with a display of some of archived materials.

Pastor Kim would like to be kept aware of members needing prayers, help, etc.

New Business

Youth

How can we get our youth—young adults and 6th-12th graders—to come back to our church? We need to identify who and where they are, and how to reach them. We also need to encourage their parents' involvement with the church. **We should rethink what we've been offering and make it more enticing!**

- Invite high schoolers to come for a discussion about volunteerism.
- Invite a youth pastor, such as Hillside's youth person, to talk to us about what they do.
- Incorporate some contemporary church services into our schedule.
- Go to the source—get some input from kids!

A walk down memory lane followed about fun MYF activities from the past—talent show, rock-a-thon, laser tag, sleep-over with hide and seek.

Committees

- Committees need to work together and communicate.
- Member nurture, education and worship committees need to collaborate and discuss ideas on their long- and short-range goals and plans. They should be ready to present their results at the January council meeting.

Technology Website

The new program will enable us to keep our website fresh and updated. Whoever will have access to this program will need a user name and password and should have access to this site for posting purposes, full rights, editing rights, and can post on the calendar.

The following committees should have access: Worship, Faith in Action, Education, Middle Ageds, and Women's Group. Each group should select a contact person who will have access, and report back at January council meeting.

Santa's Breakfast

Since we won't be hosting a Victorian Tea this year, we really need to make a church-wide effort to make Santa's Breakfast happen! It will take many volunteers (especially teens and middle school-age) to make it work, as there are many components. We'll need to create a "help wanted" announcement to post and also put it in the weekly bulletin.

External Defibrillator

Info forthcoming – Is this something we should pursue?

PUMC Nursery

Staff – We have one person committed to care for the nursery, and we're currently looking for another.

As a result of discussion, the following issues have been resolved:

- The nursery will be staffed with two adults.
- The room will open at 9:00 am for choir's and Sunday School staffs' children.
- Nursery school will be open 9:45-11:15 am to children age 6 weeks through 3 years.
- All children 4 years and older are welcome to attend Sunday School.

The above guidelines need to be posted in the weekly bulletin.

For the safety of the children, A "Do Not Open" sign needs to be put on the outside door closest to the nursery. Also, the nursery door needs to be kept locked from the inside while the room is in use.

Property Maintenance

Roof tipping will be done before ice season begins.

Snow removal person has been contacted for 2016-17 season.

Inside maintenance-

- We need a new volunteer cleaning coordinator to step up.
- A contractor was contacted, who gave a reasonable quote for monthly cleaning.

Outside maintenance-

- Our current grounds crew has been slacking. While they've promised to do better, a new ground maintenance crew has been contacted for a quote.

Worship

Mary needs a greeting coordinator and more worship committee members

Upcoming PUMC Events

- No PUMC booth in Mum Fest this year; however, stop by and see our Bawdy Pirates and their ship!
- Blessing of the Animals, Oct. 1st, 1:00-3:00 pm. Needs to be put in weekly bulletin.
- PUMC will host Thanksgiving Eve service this year. Need to organize a cleaning day.
- BCHS Choral Group will give a concert at PUMC on Sun., Dec. 11th, 4:00 pm. Canned goods collected for Zion food pantry.
- Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 17th

Closing Prayer – Pastor Kim

No council meeting in October – Next meeting November 17th.