

Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council, November 18, 2014

Attendance: Jeanette Baker, Bob Sorozan, Terry Parker, Christa Zaldivar, Vivian Brackett, Bill Katt, Jackie Palance, Jill Wilson, Diane Ashworth, Mattie Verzano, Mary Rogers, Carole Rivard, Joyce Rioux, Bill Thibodeau, Carla Heister (recording Secretary pro-tem)
Excused: Louisa Gladu, Heidi Flower

Opening Devotions were led by Terry Parker. Taken from The Upper Room Devotional, we heard about the importance of our time as a part of our stewardship commitment.

The October minutes were approved with the addition of statistics from Susan Lee.

Church Committee/Work Group Structure

At the top of the document describing all Church groups there will be a statement that all meetings are open to all church members, except those of Staff Parish Relations and Trustees. Each committee/work group/interface group will develop a final version of the group's description and upload it to the GoogleDoc document by November 30, 2014.

Finance –Jeanette for Tim

At the end of October \$5000 shortfall in paying all bills.

Trustees – Carole

The Trustees are looking at ways to reduce heating costs for the church building including programmable thermostats, converting part of building to natural gas, and re-evaluating solar. Work on property upkeep included tree removal and parking lot crack sealing. They are looking into a possible grant to help fund the tower renovations.

Worship – Mary

Mattie is working with children for acolytes and readers. Scott will work on the Thanksgiving alter display. Heidi is working on special Advent music including a violinist for the Christmas services.

Prayer Shawl – Diane

This coming Sunday the prayer shawls will be blessed. There will be a supply of them available in the sanctuary for those needing them.

Gift Card Sales – Mattie

She is working on getting the account set up so that sales can begin.

Missions – Jill

She will follow up to make sure that the money received for our covenant relationship with our missionary, Helen, has been sent. Jill will work on developing February as Missions Month and, if internet is working in the sanctuary, we may Skype with Helen one Sunday. Giving Tuesday is

December 2 and all members are encouraged to give to an approved United Methodist Church project.

Women of Prospect – Jackie

March 13 will be movie night. The Chili cook-off will be in January.

Men's Fellowship – Bill T.

They are in the process of planning various projects.

History – Vivian

Approximately 40 people visited our church as part of the Bristol Historical Society's Churches of Federal Hill tours.

Sunday School – Christa

Sunday School attendance is a bit lower than last year. This coming Sunday is Bible Sunday. The Christmas Pageant titled Listen to the Angels will be presented on December 14. New costumes were purchased using money from the Susie Parker Fund. A possible Blue Christmas project was recommended.

Stewardship – Carla

The pledge request letter is being mailed out tomorrow, November 19.

Minister – Bob Sorozan

The Police Explorers are providing three Thanksgiving baskets for our church to give to families in need. Advent has been planned. Remember congregation members in the hospital at this time including Pauline Delano and Jan Moore.

The church's Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday November 29. All interested in helping are welcome to assist.

Closing

We read five thankful Bible readings.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Heister