

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 19, 2014

**Attendance:** Jeanette Baker, Bob Sorozan, Carol Rivard, Mattie Verzino, Beth Provost, Terry Parker, Bill Katt, Jackie Palance, Susan Powers, Carla Heister, Joyce Rioux (first half), John Rioux, Tim Krauss  
Excused: Bill Thibodeau, Gary & Louisa Gladus, Heidi Flower

Opening Devotion: Jeanette Baker lead the group in a four part interactive reading then followed with a brief prayed.

**Updates and New Items:**

- Jeanette presented Louisa Gladus's report from the Middle Ages Group. The dates for the 2015 Fund Raising Events were approved. However, the group must complete and forward the necessary paper work for each to the Finance Committee.
- \$209 has been received to finance the Covenant Relationship – We are committed to at least \$500 for the year. Jeanette asked that the Council members think of ways that our work areas and committees can connect with the missionary, Helen, to enhance this experience.
- Report on Building Appeal from Joan Valle – We would like to proceed with scraping and repainting the exterior doors and lower stone walls. This might be an acceptable service project for boy scouts and Gerry Lee will be asked about that.
- Jeanette noted that she has added tablet and cell phone access to our web site.
- June Minutes were approved as presented.
- Bob Sorozan reported that
  - The Charge Conference will be held on December 30, 2014 at 7:00PM
  - The Nominating Committee will begin its process in September.
  - He was still trying to set a date for the golf outing at Hidden Miniature Golf.
  - The response to the Book Study has been excellent with about 18 people already requesting books. He is still working out how and when the program will proceed.
  - We will be having a Covenant to Care Renewal Service in September or October. Bob has to check with Sue Lee about that.
  - he will be taking a course in the Theology of the Koran on Thursdays during the fall
  - He met with a representative of Habitat for Humanity and told him of our problem getting information. Bob was told that they needed meals provided – they had workers. Bob said that ours were the “Best Cooks in the World”
- Carol Rivard reporting for the Trustees
  - The boiler in the parsonage has cracked and needs to be repaired. They are reviewing quotes.
  - New England Masonry and Roofing has looked into the water issue in the clock tower and presented a report with cost figures to complete the repair on a cost plus basis. (\$15,000 + materials)
  - Presented the summary of performance by account for The Portfolio.
- Bill Katt presented Heidi Flower's report on the music program
  - The Senior Choir will begin singing on September 7. There will be a breakfast for any singers arriving at or before 8:30.

- The Handbells will have their first meeting on September 10, 2014
- She would like the KPG sing by the end of September.
- Susan Powers
  - Team Prospect is to meet on August 26, 2014. This is an informational meeting for those who have joined the team or who are thinking about joining.
  - Thank you to the congregation for the dental supplies. They shall be delivered to the Yalesville UMC to be forwarded to Nicaragua.
- Tim Krauss presented the financial reports for the year to July 31, 2014.

### **Surveys:**

The “How can we help you?” survey results were presented and reviewed. It was decided that:

- The results will be presented to the congregation through the Sunday Bulletin and Tower.
- We shall revisit the “Talent Survey” and try to get it or a similar survey for the congregation. There were several comments to the affect of wanting to serve.

### **Stewardship:**

Jeanette presented a document entitled “Ways to Build Strength in Participation” and asked that we review it for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Closing:**

The meeting was closed with a unison prayer.

Next Meeting – September 16, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Katt*