

**Prospect United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2021**

**Present:** Pastor Lee, Jeanette Baker, Carla Heister, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Matti Verzino, Chris Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

I. **Opening Devotion:** Jeanette – Matthew 6:24-34

II. **Approval of December minutes** – Motion made and seconded.

III. **Update from Finance on New Budget**

Tim - Regarding the budget deficit, "In good conscience we can't cut anything else. We're already bare bones".

IV. **Steps for Financial Call to Action for PUMC**

- Reach out to inactive members.
- Send out a weekly email blast regarding our financial situation. During church services have different "voices" speak to our monthly financial shortfall.
- Send out Zoom link to all in congregation inviting them to attend council meetings. Goal – get fresh ideas.

V. **Pastor's report**

- Attended meetings, officiated a funeral, held membership education meetings
- Organized upcoming Bible study 1/29-2/28, "Be the Bridge", by Latasha Morrison
- Increase outreach to community

VI. **Nurture Committee Long-term Goals**

- Implement a Zoom fellowship group for 30's age group. Select a topic of interest that is relatable to that age group. Pastor will email a survey to initiate.
- Organize a Bible study group for kids, with church lay leaders.

VII. **Reopening**

Locking of church after service - .

- Until ushers are able to return, responsibility needs to be assigned each month to a lay leader who will assign someone the task of making sure all doors are locked.

VIII. **New Business**

Virtual Service Improvement - Chris

In an effort to improve virtual services we must either **upgrade** our existing 20-yr-old analog internet connection/sound system, or **replace** it with an up-to-date digital system. We need a dedicated hard-wired modem in the sanctuary and be able to sync the internet with the sound system. Chris has arranged for Comcast to come, assess our situation and give suggestions and quotes. The results will be reviewed at the next finance meeting.

Stationery – Beth

We're almost out of stationery (letterhead and envelopes). Our next order should incorporate our new logo. Beth will discuss with logo design with June.

IX. **Adjourn with prayer by Pastor Lee.**