

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021**

Present: Pastor Lee, Jeanette Baker, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Matti Verzino, Chris Wilson, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

Excused: Heidi Flower

- I. **Opening Devotion:** Jeanette – Excerpts from PUMC’s book study, “Be the Bridge”. The racial equality movement is picking up speed---it’s up to us to keep the momentum going in our congregation.

- II. **Approval of January minutes** – Motion made and seconded.

III. **Committee Updates**

Middle Agers – Luisa

- Hopefully, Relay for Life will take place Aug. 28th and Breakfast with Santa can happen.

Faith in Action – Carla

- The collected clothes etc. will be delivered to Savers on March 11th.

Stationary – Beth

- Beth will continue to try to connect with June.

Reopening Committee – Jeanette

- Beth has been taking Sunday service attendance, but volunteers are needed to assist.

Center St. Entrance – Carol

- This door will remain closed until danger of ice/snow is gone.

IV. **Pastor’s Report**

- Pastor Lee attended five mtgs in February, and hosted afternoon Zoom coffee hour on 1st Sunday of February.
- Ohyeun and Heidi served lunch to Brian’s Angels and plan to repeat in March.
- Other activities – Confirmation class, Bible study, Lenten Daily Devotions via email.
- PUMC participated in a parish-wide virtual Ash Weds service.

Upcoming events: Mar. 7 – Communion; April 1 – Joint Maundy Thursday service 7 pm; April 2 – Joint Good Friday service 7 pm; April 4 – Easter Sunday Communion and baptism; April-May – Human Sexuality study w/ Jeanette and Tim.

V. **Nurture Committee – Mary**

How do we connect to Gen Z? Are we there for them?

Thoughts and suggestions:

- We need to act with them, not for them. Let them take the lead.
- Initiate activities in our community—not necessarily in church
- Ask former Scholarship awardees for feedback
- Distribute a survey
- Reach out to successful organizations

VI. **Finances – Tim**

- No surprises to date. January 2021 income a bit ahead of January 2020.
- It is hoped that the PPP loan awarded to PUMC last fall will be forgiven.
- It had been suggested that PUMC apply for a second PPP loan. The council debated the ethics of applying for and receiving a loan, and it was voted that we not apply for it.

VII. **Other Business – None**

VIII. Closing Prayer – Pastor Lee

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN MARCH