

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021**

Present: Pastor Lee, Jeanette Baker, Gary Gladu, Luisa Gladu, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Sue Powers, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers, Chris Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

Excused: Kathy Dube, Heidi Flower

I. **Opening Devotion:** Jeanette – Reflections on the life of Jane Addams, a 19th century social worker who had compassion for and served those in most need.

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

III. **Pastor's Report**

- Pastor Lee attended meetings of Scholarship, Worship and Finance committees; Education team; Days for Girls presentation; served lunch for Brian's Angels
- With confirmation classes done, new members class will begin.
- May 16th parking lot coffee hour, after service

IV. **Reopening Updates**

- In regard to not wearing masks, it was voted on and seconded that we should proceed slowly by announcing that after June 19th we will begin to ease up on restrictions .
- Masks will be required in meeting rooms.
- Initially, we will allow singing one song with masks. Help is needed to return hymnals to sanctuary.

V, **Committee Updates**

- **Upcoming Annual Conference (via Zoom).**

Carla will participate as a lay member. We need to ask Matti what the protocol is for naming an Alternate representative in Tim's absence.

- **Locking of building after Sunday services.**

This issue was discussed, but no solution was agreed on. While it may be useful to decide which committee the responsibility falls under, it was also suggested that the responsibility should be shared by many. Should we appoint new ushers? It is hoped that this can be resolved by September.

- **Music, as a way to demonstrate inclusiveness.**

We discussed introducing different genres of music (spiritual, contemporary, ethnic) in our "special music" segment.

VI. **Finance**

- Tim reports that our financial situation has remained basically unchanged.

VII. **Adjourning Prayer – Paster Lee**

Middle Agers – Luisa

- Relay for Life, scheduled for Aug. 28th, 3:00-9:00 pm, will only be open to those who register to be on a team.

Scholarship – Carol

- Next meeting scheduled for Fri, Apr 23, in Sessions Hall to complete paperwork. Scholarships will be presented Sun., June 13th

Education – Christa

- Pretzel making and Easter egg hunt well received.
- Children’s Day May 16th; VBS is a go this summer!

Nurture – Mary

- Easter cards were mailed to 98 recipients; 20 cards will be mailed to shut-ins

Trustees – Tim and Carol

- The roof on both ends of the education wing has hopefully been repaired. If more leaks are spotted, say something!
- Parsonage repair issues (leakage at gutters and back door) will be addressed.
- Our former church cleaner has resigned, and a new couple has been hired.

V. Alternate Lay Member for Upcoming Conference

To cover an unexpected absence, an alternate person must be named to represent PUMC at upcoming virtual lay conference. Matti advises that this matter needs to be brought to nominating committee.

VI. Other Business

Sue proposed a course of action to support our community outreach mission. Lasagna Love Org. was created in 2020 as a way to address food insecurity and give love. Simply put, you will prepare and deliver a lasagna. To participate you would set yourself up on a computer portal with the objective of matching with a local requester. Details will appear in the Tower, and the Lasagna Love link will be found on the church website.

Pastor Lee voiced a pressing need. Replacement of our defunct sanctuary computer is long overdue. Also essential is a video screen that would hang from the balcony and be visible from the pulpit and choir loft. Tim will research computer pricing, and this will be remedied ASAP. Also, the ongoing problem with sanctuary internet wiring was mentioned, and Tim will follow through on this.

VII. Closing Prayer – Pastor Lee