

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022**

Present: Pastor Lee, Rita Fasci, Heidi Flower, Gary Gladu, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Lynn Limeburner, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Matti Verzino, Chris Wilson, Jill Wilson, Christa Zaldivar

Church service cancellation

- **Who decides if a service should be cancelled?**
 - It was agreed that the decision should be made among three people—Pastor, a lay leader and the music director.
- **How to best inform the congregation of a cancellation?**
 - Email distribution list
 - Phone chain
 - Cancellation announcement will appear on local television stations

Event responsibility and clean-up

- The person who reserves space for an event is responsible for clean-up and returning borrowed items to the proper place.
- A room reservation (on office calendar) should contain renter's name and contact info.

Old Business

- Names of outside meeting contact people are located on office bulletin board.

Committee Reports

SPR – Carla

- **How to get people back to church?**
 - An active member could “adopt” a semi-active member for reach-out care and mentoring.
 - Ask Mary how she keeps members engaged.

Opening Committee

- Possible return of choir and singing during last two weeks of February,

Closing Prayer – Pastor Lee

- Pastor Lee attended committee meetings of Education, Trustees, Worship, Finance and SPRC.
- Worship has returned to two Sunday services. Singing of hymns, indoor after-service fellowship and choir practice has resumed.
- Confirmation class will begin in January 2022.
- Adult Bible Study has begun. “Self-Care”, Oct. 1-29 (Fridays, 7 pm, in person and Zoom). Book “When Making Others Happy is Making You Miserable” is being studied.

- Served lunch for Brian's Angels, visited shut-ins, officiated two funerals
- Hosted a race-relations forum for community leaders, politicians and city residents on October 11.
- Committee presentations during services : Nov. 7 – Trustees; Nov. 14 – Sunday School/Jr. MYF; Nov. 21 – Nurture/Care, Thanksgiving and Pledge Sundays; Nov. 28 – Faith in Action.
- Reminder – Pastor is available for zoom counseling on two dates per month.

IV. Charge Conference/Nominating Committee Report 2021

- Joint Parish Charge Conference, Sun., Nov. 28, 2 pm, via Zoom. PUMC Charge Conference, Thurs., Dec.2, 7 pm, in person and Zoom.
- 2021 Nominating Committee Report can be presented at Charge Conference (voted on and approved).
- Michelle Cornish will replace Jackie Palance as Financial Secretary before January 2022 (voted on and approved).
- Jackie Palance will step down from SPR and join Trustees in January 2022 (voted on and approved}.
- PUMC will provide two five-minute presentations at Joint Charge Conference.. Pastor will speak on racial relations, and Don Orcutt will relate how PUMC maintained positivity during pandemic.
- All committee reports for PUMC Charge Conference are due in church office by Sunday, Nov. 28.

V, Finance

- Carla presented a fund raising request to team up with The Giving Bean, an on-line ordering coffee/tea/cocoa company that would offer rebates to PUMC. (voted and approved).
- Several defunct church group accounts still maintain small balances. A suggestion was made to transfer those balances to other accounts.
- A future discussion will take place regarding the reality of a shrinking budget, thus affording us a part-time pastor.

VI. Committee Updates

Education – Christa

- Sunday school attendance has been averaging 8-10 students per week.

Middle Agers – Luisa

- Breakfast with Santa is still TBD due to Covid regulations. If allowed, it will be held December 2nd, with curtailed activities. **Volunteers a necessity!!**

Faith in Action – Carla and Carol

- The clothing collection drive netted \$403. A suggestion was made to use the funds to purchase grocery store gift cards for those in need.
- Days for Girls pie sale will earn \$1300 and will be used to purchase fabric and supplies for this ministry.

Worship – Matti

- Lay leaders job description has been revamped.
- Children are participating as acolytes and leading prayers.

VII. New Business

- Don Orcutt presented an idea to form a church disc golf league as a way to provide fellowship and outdoor fun. All agreed that this should be pursued.
- Another idea presented was to continue with Family Fun nights (when permitted) and to ask the cook who rents our kitchen to cater.

VIII. Adjourning Prayer – Paster Lee

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 18th

