

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022**

Present: Pastor Lee, Rita Fasci, Gary Gladu, Luisa Gladu, Carla Heister, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Matti Verzino, Christa Zaldivar

I. Opening Prayer – Pastor Lee

II. Review of worship service cancellation due to Covid

- All is working well
- Service cancellations will be posted on local television stations.
- Pastor Lee confers with music director and a lay leader to determine cancellation.

III. Committee Reports

SPR - Carla

- We are in need of a nursery care worker (during worship service). The position pays \$16/hour, and applicants must be at least 18 years old. Contact Carla for details.

Finance – Tim

- Despite weather-related service cancellations the January finances are good shape due to electronic giving and faithful mailing in of offerings.
- Finance is currently transferring dormant funds (i.e. floral, fair committee, old nursery school) to active accounts. They combined two kitchen funds into one for streamlining purposes.
- They're looking into other methods to receive funds such as Square and Venmo.

IV. Committee updates

Education – Christa

- Souper Bowl of Caring may be extended for another week due to service cancellations.
- The kids will be collecting items to fill goody baskets to present to first responders.
- Easter egg hunt planned.
- There will be no confirmands this year.
- Family Fun in the Sun Day at Hammonasset planned for June 18, 2022.

Middle Ageds – Luisa

- Movie Fun Night planned for Feb. 19th as a fund raiser for Relay for Life, which will take place at Norton Park on June 4th.
- A possible Renaissance Dinner is in discussion.

Worship – Matti

- Committee will meet soon to discuss the possibility of Easter activities (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday).

V. New Business

- A church family experiencing a difficult time has been aided by the Roberts fund, which Luisa and Gary used to purchase groceries for them. Aldi's also donated a \$30 gift card. Church members have been preparing meals for the family.
- Pastor Lee – Member and Nurture team will meet to brainstorm ideas on how to encourage church members who have been absent for some time to return.

VII. Adjourning Prayer – Paster Lee

