

Prospect United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2024

**Present:** Paster Lee, Melissa Brown, Kathy Dube, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Carol Rivard, Mary Rogers, Sue Thayer, Mattie Verzino, Christa Zaldivar

**I. Opening meditation – Pastor Lee**

**II. Prior to the council meeting, members participated in a Zoom info session for CT District Evangelism Initiative..**

Feedback is as follows:

- Interesting, but due to the huge time commitment, it's not the time for us to delve into this
- Wonderful program, but all doesn't apply to us, i.e. youths
- Could consider it next year
- We lack the membership to do this
- More appropriate to do as a parish, not as an individual church
- They are looking for churches with connections to community

**III. Acceptance of January council meeting minutes**

**IV. No Old Business**

**V. New Prospect Business**

Melissa Brown reported that the questionnaire given to SPRC by DS was completed and returned.

**Actions requiring council approval:**

A motion was put on the floor by Tim that we consolidate our seven bank accounts and CD's into three accounts; (1) an operating checking account, (2) a savings account, and (3) a stewardship account. The motion was put to a vote, and while not unanimous, the motion was accepted and passed.

Fund raiser. Beth asked for permission by our PUMC chefs to make and sell soup at Lenten Sunday services. Permission granted.

**Transition to half-time pastoral appointment.**

Special council meetings will be planned to allow more discussion time. The first meeting will be held Sunday, March 3, after service. Attendees should obtain a Mission: Possible book from Tim, A notice will go out to inform which chapters will be discussed. The congregation will be informed of the meetings. It was suggested that meeting lengths be limited to 1-1/2 hours.

**VI. Closing prayer – Pastor Lee**

**We will forego the Thursday, April 18, council meeting,**