

**Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024**

Present: Pastor Carol Bloom, Melissa Brown, Kathy Dube, Tim Krauss, Lynn Limeburner, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers, Sue Thayer, Matti Verzino, Christa Zaldivar

1. **Opening Meditation** – Tim
2. **August and September council meeting minutes.** – Motion made to accept; accepted.
3. **Old Business**
 - Update from Trustees regarding parsonage. Jackie reported that the problem trees have been removed. A roofing contractor has been selected for reroofing. Deposit made (from an unrestricted fund) and job will commence in 6-8 weeks.
4. **New Business**
 - Parish Church Conference, Sunday, Oct. 27th.
 - Mary and Sue have prepared a display, highlighting our church's mission activities. Mary and Beth will bring light refreshments.

Stewardship Campaign

- Letters will be mailed soon.
- For the next few Sunday services, we need a few people to speak about what PUMC and our mission work means to them. These statements could be recorded for our Facebook site.
- Pastor Carol has identified someone who can help us with our audit.

SPRC

- Melissa has been working on Conference paperwork, which will be electronically submitted to Pastor Carol.

Worship Team

- Vivian Brackett will give a talk on Veteran's Day Sunday regarding PUMC's role in the war. In lieu of a sermon that day, a stewardship moment will be planned.
- Heidi is planning a multi-church choral program.
- Advent activities include music, candles and carols. No Christmas Pageant is planned for this year.

5. **Reorganization of Committee and Ministry Structure: Move to Simplified, Accountable Structure (SAS)**

Reorganization has been approved. Nominations for the new team need to be finalized ASAP and approved by Nomination Committee. The new team will be voted on by ballot at the Oct. conference. The ballot will list all names and include a write-in slot. Quorum will be those in attendance. A formal resolution regarding this needs to be composed for Oct. conference.

6. **Pastor Carol Time**

Pastor Carol provided guidance as to what is needed for Oct. 27 conference. Trustees need to provide a parsonage insurance declaration. Jackie will email Trustees forms to Pastor. Finance will need to provide balance sheets for all accounts. Membership will need to submit a form listing baptisms, deaths, etc. SPRC needs to submit forms. The conference will begin at 2:00 pm. An elder will preside over our breakout room. Anyone who is a professing PUMC member will be allowed to vote.

7. **Parish, District, NYAC & General Conference News**

- Next parish meeting Oct. 22nd.

8. **Closing Prayer** – Melissa

Next Council meeting date – November 21, 2024. No council meeting in December