

PRESENT: Pastor Rick, Dave V., Lisa B., Danelle M., Jonathan W., Grace R., Tressa B., Linda W.,

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Rick

MINUTES: Linda made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; the motion was seconded by Tressa. The minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL AND TREASURER REPORTS: Danelle presented both reports. We are 8 weeks into the year. We need \$3,246.17/week. So far, we have taken in \$21,975.10. We are in the black; all bills are paid.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Jonathan reported.

- Still working on estimates for repair of the sanctuary ceiling. We have had peeling paint the last two winters.
- Still working with architect. Concern raised about making elevator go to all levels of the church. Architect was more expensive than anticipated. A second architect is being brought in to get a second opinion.
- Deacons and Missions asked about having at least two people count the money each week (checks and cash). Church Council was asked to come up with a list of names (4-5 people) since the same people will not be available every week. Trustees will make the final decision.
- Bob L. is Chairperson. Jonathan will be Council Rep.

BOARD OF DEACONS: Grace reported.

- Linda F. is Chairperson; Grace will be Council Rep.
- Mission calendar (organizations to be benefited) remains the same in 2016. See list in monthly newsletter.
- There will be a Mission Moment on the second Sunday each month.
- Ash Wednesday – invited other churches to join us for a community service; Park Methodist and Chapel participated.
- Constitution requires rotation on the Pastor Parish Relations committee. June S. and Vic S. are going on and Carol G. and Grace are going off.
- 3/24/2016 – Maundy Thursday
- 3/6/2016 – Communion
- 3/27/2016 – Easter and Communion
- Question – Would it be possible for there to be a bulletin board to highlight the mission of the month?

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Tressa reported.

- No meeting last month, there were not enough people for a quorum.
- Deb H. is taking care of the flower orders for Easter.
- Talked about adding some contemporary music to the regular service.
- 4/17/2016 – Talent show and potluck lunch
- Ready for Ash Wednesday and Easter Services.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Linda reported.

- Chairperson and Council Rep. is Linda. Clair Jo T. is Vice Chair.
- Looking for ways to make Sunday School rooms more functional. We are tight on space. 12-20 kids per week. All kids come to the opening. Ideas include smaller tables, U-shaped, and move shelving.
- 6/27 -7/1/2016 – Vacation Bible School. Looking for volunteers, see Jonathan or Linda.
- Upcoming Youth events include 30 hour famine (4/29-30) and summer mission trip (6-8 youth).
- Need another computer/projector set-up; have the projector still need computer.

- Planning to complete communion class for the older children by Easter. Communion will be explained. Kids will be allowed to take communion if their parents want them to. Used to give Bibles to the 3rd graders. Plan to catch up by giving Bibles to the communion class members.
- Accepting applications for an education assistant through 3/8/2016.
- It was suggested that an adult (other than the Pastor) be present at the front of the church during children's time.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Women's and Men's Studies and Adult Sunday School continue. They are studying the Women of the First Testament, Genesis, and Prayers of the First Testament, respectively.
- Well Spring Service is on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
- Continue to meet with Madison Ministerial Association, Grand River UCC Pastors, and Spiritual Formation Group.
- January visits to shut-ins were completed.
- Three office visits, three hospital visits, and three funerals.
- Meeting with mentor – starting with Mark's Ministry.

ADJOURNEMENT: Grace moved that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by Tressa. The meeting closed at 7:37 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lisa, Clerk