

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 30, 2015

PRESENT: Pastor Rick, Cheryl S., Kit D., Lisa B., Sue D., Jonathan W., Dorothy H., Tressa B., Linda W., Dave V.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM.

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Rick

MINUTES: The minutes from the October meeting will be reviewed and approved by email.

FINANCIAL and TREASURER'S REPORTS: Sue D. presented the reports. We are in the black; things are good. Congregational meeting will be held on January 24, 2016.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Jonathan W. reported.

- Tom R. and Linda F. were at the meeting to talk about missions. There will be a written report about the money received for missions.
- Cash money collected at each service will be counted by two people.
- Board approved \$4,000 from Phrocine Bailey (\$3,000 for Nueva Esperanza and \$1,000 for Project Hope).
- The Trust Committee is working on organizing the trusts.
- The ceiling in the sanctuary was touched up. Planning on taking down the ceiling tiles and repainting it. Don't know why it is peeling.
- The board approved the draft budget; copies were distributed.

BOARD OF DEACONS: Dorothy H. reported

- Budget was turned in.
- Barb P. will update count of Active and Inactive members.
- 11/29/2015 – Noisy Bucket Sunday
- Jeanette B. requested that her daughter Rev. Karen B. be allowed to preach the sermon in honor of her father's 70th birthday.

BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Tressa B. reported.

- Hanging of the Greens was last Sunday after the service.
- Discussed singing Silent Night and Peace, Peace, Peace at the Christmas Eve service.
- Having communion at the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve service was discussed.
- Music Staff was discussed.
- Nancy K. resigned from the board.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Linda W. reported.

- Jeanette B. resigned from the board effect immediately. Barb S. wants off from the board.
- There have not been enough board members attending the meetings to allow for voting.
- The Phrocine Bailey account was discussed; what the money may be spent on and who needs to approve those expenditures.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Women's and Men's Studies and Sunday School continue. They are studying the Women of the First Testament, Genesis, and Characteristics of God, respectively.
- Well Spring Service is on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM.
- Attending Madison Ministerial Association and Grand River UCC Pastors meetings.
- Continue to meet with Spiritual Formation group.
- Visited all shut-ins in November. Looking for a volunteer for December.
- Six office visits, four hospital visits, two baptisms, two funerals, one surgery, and one marriage counseling.
- Started paper recycling. Proceeds go towards snow removal costs. UMC involved as well.
- Participated in Community Thanksgiving Service.
- Made pies with youth.

OTHER

- MOTION: To print newsletter before minutes of last meeting are available; minutes will be put on the website. Motion was made by Sue D. and seconded by Cheryl S. Motion passed.
- MOTION: To conduct a survey to determine if members want the newsletter and any other correspondence by mail or an electronic method. Discussion: Mailing the newsletter may be more expensive if we don't mail enough to get the bulk mail rate. Motion was made by Cheryl S. and seconded by Kit D. Motion passed.

- Discussed having the service in the fellowship hall the Sunday after Christmas. Two couples have mentioned that they prefer to have the service in the sanctuary. Based upon the components scheduled for the service on Sunday December 27, 2015, the service will be held in the fellowship hall. Discussed also surveying the members on their preference of location for the service the Sunday after Christmas.
- The secretary has revised the Central Congregational document to incorporate the changes approved at the 11/15/2015 Congregational Meeting. Copies of the Constitution should be ready for distribution by the annual meeting on 1/24/2016.
- The first weekend of Salvation Army bell ringing at the Madison Giant Eagle and Wal-Mart brought in \$1948.

ADJOURNMENT: Sue D. moved that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by Tressa B. The meeting closed at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa B., Clerk