

Christ United Methodist Church
Council meeting
December 17, 2018

Present: Jack Dwiggin, Rexanne McCauley, Craig Muir, Glenn Pearson, Claude Sawyer, John Yarian, Amanda Lumpkin, Gary Boardman, Paula Thoennes, Sue Branson, Lisa Hilsabeck, Mike Hilsabeck, Deb Linville, Mike Linville, Christi Lower, MarLen Slagel, Terra Tilley, Dave Byrum, Carol Yarian, Stephanie Hanslow, Laura Mark, Hollie Kessler, Kelly Dickerson, Joan Banning.

Linda Yoki called the meeting to order and Pastor Stephanie opened with prayer.

Linda opened the meeting by asking anyone present to share opportunities about ministry events that had happened recently. Noted were several things which were being done in the best interest of the church; the very wonderful and successful Christmas pageant; the generosity of our congregation who were giving extra for the special Christmas askings; a general increase in pledges for 2019; the awesome Christmas Jubilee and the new volunteers involved.

Linda commented that minutes had been sent to members by email and asked for a motion to accept these. Comments were made regarding not having minutes available at the meeting for guests who would not have received them. Minutes will be available at future meetings. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as emailed.

Carol Yarian reported on missions. College Care had sent 45 boxes to college students and those in the military. 57 families were recipients of Thanksgiving dinners through our Turkey Time project. Jubilee Christmas had served 57 children and their families. Carol had identified 8 additional children and provided toys for those families as well. The Kid's Closet helped clothe 600 children with donated clothing. Clothing generally needs to be purchased for older children. She commented that some returning parents bring in clothing to help replenish the Closet. The Back Pack program continues to receive donations and receives food purchased from Food Finders. We also continue to feed 75 persons at Transitional Housing each Saturday. The Mission Team is continuing to work on future projects. Pack-Away-Hunger is scheduled for January 21 and will include Purdue football players in the PM session. Donations are still being accepted for this project and volunteers are also needed. Carol also reported that this past Sunday for the Christmas pageant there were 190 persons at the first service and 29 at the second.

Rexanne McCauley reported for Women's Ministry. A group had visited the ARK in Kentucky and also the Christian Museum. In the future this ministry will not have paid staff and prayers were requested for how this ministry will function going forward.

Gary Boardman reported for the Finance Committee. He explained that we are staying solvent but have paid only \$15,000 towards our tithe to the Conference during 2018. Projected in the 2019 budget is \$20,000 towards the tithe. In future years the amount will increase by each year and by 2021 it is anticipated that we would pay the tithe in full. He then presented the budget for 2019. A question was asked about the increase in the Youth budget. New programming is anticipated in this area. Gary commented that budgets will be monitored and any changes requested to move funds from one budget area to another during the year would be presented to Council for approval. Any unbudgeted items will also require Council approval. The amount of income in the budget from small groups was questioned. The small groups referred to in the budget were Sunday School offerings, paying for books by some in the Adult classes and not

fom those in the special small group ministry. Based on the pledges received and other anticipated income the estimated income for 2019 is expected to be \$631,553.15. Based on this estimated income the expenses budgeted by the committee were \$630,837.00. He then presented the budget to the Council for approval. Council approved the budget with 12 members voting in favor and no abstentions or negative votes.

Paula Thoennes reported for the Staff Parish Committee. She thanked Pastor Dave for his mentoring of the committee during his time here. The committee will be working on redesigning the expense reports and credit card reports, which had been planned.

Glenn Pearson reported for the Trustees. The water damage in the parsonage is complete and is partially covered by insurance. He reported that a car fire had damaged the asphalt in the parking lot, but the car owner was uninsured. Repairing the area is to be done as weather permits. A question was asked about the furnaces and currently everything is working. This will be a continuing concern for the Trustees as money is available.

There was no report from the Child Care or Preschool.

Carrie McCool has resigned as Children's Ministry Director. A job description has been developed and applications are being accepted. Lisa Hilsabeck has agreed to serve as a contact person until the position is filled.

Kelly Dickerson reported for Youth. She said that things are going well. The Youth Director position has been added to the work of Aaron Osborne and this will begin in January. Pastor Dave commended Kelly for her work with the youth in the past.

Pastor Stephanie commented on Church for Everyone. The plan had originally been for it to eventually function as another Methodist congregation in Lafayette. UMC Development awarded a grant to make this happen. To further develop this church, in January Pastor Stephanie will become 3/4 time with Church for Everyone. She plans to promote a weekly service and Bible studies. Rexanne McCauley has agreed to manage the finances for the church and Denise Hall has volunteered to be a Children's Ministry leader.

Pastor Dave presented two additional names from the Lay Leadership committee to add to the nominations presented at the Charge Conference earlier in December.. Those proposed were: Staff Parish Committee, class of 2021, Rexanne McCauley; Chairperson for the Endowment Committee, Aaron Slagel. The motion to approve these additions passed with no abstentions or negative votes. Pastor Dave then shared a final report with observations and recommendations. This report is attached. Our new Pastor, Kurt Freeman, will also receive a copy of the report.

Linda thanked Pastor Dave for his help, and that of the District and Conference. Pastor Dave commended persons present who would be new to Council in 2019 and others who had worked with him during his interim service.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Pastor Dave closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Banning