

Christ United Methodist Church
Council meeting
January 14, 2020

Present: Pastor Kurt Freeman, Scott Gillespie, Claude Sawyer, Joan Banning, Hollie Kessler, Gary Boardman, Marlen Slagle, Misty Hintz, Glenn Pearson, Amber Simons, John Yarian, Carol Yarian, Jack Dwiggin and Dana Blanchard.

Pastor Kurt opened the meeting with prayer.

Council Chairperson Scott Gillespie opened the meeting and asked, "What is the mission of the church?" Pastor Kurt asked us to share ministry moments that allowed us to see God at work. Those present shared: Upward Basketball, increase in children in Sunday School as well as enrichment, Longest Night Service and other holiday services, congregation participating in writing on charts about "I love God because...", a friend who had recovered from a life threatening experience, Pastor Stephanie's caring funeral services.

Minutes of the December meeting had been included in the email reminder notice and were approved.

Carol Yarian reported for missions, health and caring and hospitality. A new coffee pot was purchased for use during Aroma. Some new people have been added to the Aroma team. The budget for Aroma is okay at this time. Turkey dinners were delivered to 54 families, college care sent packages to 40 individuals, and Jubilee Christmas served 18 families with 53 children. Pack Away Hunger, scheduled for January 20, has 2 new churches assisting CUMC: Calvary Baptist and Holy Trinity. Both will help with funding as well as providing workers. She said that both shifts for Mondays are now fully staffed. Planned for the beginning of the Lenten season are two services: Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 25 and Soup and Bread on Ash Wednesday. Six Sunday school classes are currently meeting and Lenten study books have been ordered for an all church study. The level of attendance on Sunday has not changed significantly. Three new young families have recently been attending and Carol is working to engage them in the church. She is working on programming that would appeal to a 25 -35 age group which would also have options for difficult schedules of young working families. She is continuing to work on the intentional discipleship project.

Claude Sawyer reported for the Staff Parish Committee. Due to health issues for Claude, Staff Parish has not met in the new year, but will meet in February. Training for the committee is being planned before the February meeting. Pastor Kurt has been working on staff evaluations. As Pastor Stephanie will no longer be appointed to CUMC as of July 1, the committee will be working on details for this exit. Claude indicated that the intent for this year is to share as much as is appropriate regarding decisions from the Staff Parish Committee.

Glenn Pearson, Maintenance Supervisor, said the person responsible for engraving our bricks will be coming to consult on the entry bricks as well as the Columbarium. Wifi problems in some portions of the building have been addressed and only the choir room appears to have unreliable coverage at this time. He also reported that new LED lights have been installed on the garage in the parking lot and money will be saved since the parking lot lights will not be needed all night. Security lights are being priced and Misty Hintz, Trustee Chair, said that a contractor for the lights has indicated that 12 to 16 can be installed and operated for \$129/month. Currently 4 are requested but wiring will be done for the additional lights to be added later. Suggested was to have cameras in each of the Early Learning rooms.

Amber Simons, Early Learning Board Chair, reported for the ministry. She said that we received a grant for a voucher program which will assist families with students in full day child care. A tuition increase was instituted for the child care children and an increase will also apply to the preschool students starting in the fall. On March 8 the Early Learning children will be singing during the worship service. New members have been added to the Early Learning Board. A review process is being conducted for the evaluation of child care workers.

Pastor Kurt reported for Children's Ministry. An Easter event is planned but not yet named and will be the Saturday before Easter. In addition, beginning in February, a movie night is being planned for a Saturday night. A possibility for the first movie is Frozen 2. Flyers will be sent home with the children, including those in the child care classes. Because of copyright issues the name of the movie cannot be advertised.

Pastor Kurt indicated that the Youth were working on Confirmation. Two churches who participate in the 167 group currently have no youth and are considering if they will continue to support the group financially. The expectation from each congregation will increase next year due to how the Conference support was set up initially. Currently this money funds 2 part time leaders.

Gary Boardman reported for Finance. He said that this has been the best of the 5 years that he has served as chairman of the committee. In 2020 they gym floor should have the funds to complete the project. There is \$47,000 available and the remaining \$10,000 is anticipated this year. Starting date should be March 21, as the child care will be closed for spring break.

At this point the regular meeting was suspended to convene a Charge Conference. Rev. Kurt Freeman, serving as the chair of the Charge Conference, opened the session and provided information about the Charge Conference and then presented the purpose of the called meeting. In the Articles of Incorporation for Christ UMC, adopted in 1966, the representatives of the Corporation were listed as the Administrative Council, which is incorrect according to the Discipline. Pastor Kurt proposed that the Trustees, as the legal officers for the Church, be established as the representatives/officers for the CUMC Corporation. The change was approved by 14 members present, with no negative votes and no abstentions. The Charge Conference was then adjourned and the regular meeting continued.

Pastor Kurt reported that, with the help of Christi Lower, the legal issues regarding the Columbarium had been resolved.

Amber Simons closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Banning