

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
May 18, 2017

Members Present: Sandy Beyer, Twila Ehrich-Belton (Council Chairperson), Carol Tower, Jon Weston, Bob Weston, Tom Yeager, Jamie Lee, Scott Gutierrez, Kerry Beebe, Brock Reynolds, Joseph Sparks, Roxi Grimsley, Kathi Hefti, and Pastor Justin Halbersma

Members Absent: n/a

Guests: n/a

Agenda: Stood as presented.

Meeting to Order: 6:30 p.m. Pastor began the meeting with prayer.

Personal Celebrations – Each person shared a personal celebration, which included purchase of a new home, healthy babies, and family celebrations.

“Getting to Know You” Activity – The Council was regrouped by Council Subcommittee (SPRC, Trustees, etc.) and participated in an activity with the purpose to illustrate the various roles needed for a successful Council and the need to recognize and respect those roles.

RACI Chart Training – Pastor Justin facilitated an orientation on the use of a RACI (Responsible/Accountable/Consulted/Informed) matrix and how the Council could utilize this tool for projects moving forward. A sample project was used for illustration. The Council agreed this would be a good tool.

Capital Campaign – The Council discussed the if/when/how of a capital campaign. The Council determined the rationale behind needing a capital campaign was due to the results of the asset audit that completed in 2016 as part of the HCI process. The audit revealed several capital-type projects that need to be addressed, some sooner than others. Items specifically discussed were the sanctuary roof, flooring, the west parking lot, a handicapped door leading to the west parking lot, as well as refurbishment of the hand bells and a replacement furnace at the New Light Campus.

There needs to thought made of the best use of funds for using on our current property or possibly a new campus. Bob will gather the report from the Asset Audit Task Force, which listed the related expenses and a timeline. This information will be posted to SLACK before the next Council meeting.

Stewardship Campaign – Jon provided information on the reasoning for a stewardship campaign. A stewardship campaign’s purpose is to energize the congregation to make a commitment to donate to the church in a timely manner to help with the budgeting and planning process. The who, what, and when of the stewardship campaign committee was discussed. The “when” was determined to be sometime between mid-September and November 2017. The Council discussed the return of the Estimate of Giving cards. Tom said he felt it was important to keep the financial health of the church in front of the congregation.

The narrative budget is complete and ready for presentation to the congregation. The May 21 meeting to present the narrative/informational budget was rescheduled to Sunday, June 4, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting, the brochure will be distributed and explained. The explanation will include the reason for its creation. The meeting will also be a time to present our current financial information. Sandy will be responsible for the brochure; Jon will get the financial information to Cassie for publication.

There will be further discussion of the stewardship campaign at the June Council meeting.

Goal Review – Justin reviewed the goal process undertaken by the previous Council, noting it was initially very aggressive, but was fine-tuned to three goals centered on Invite. Encounter. Respond. We accomplished the Invite goal by completing the goal of inviting 400 people into a relationship by June 1, 2017.

Much discussion was held around the next component – Encounter. The goal focused on small group participation and how to increase this. After much discussion, the Council agreed on this goal for Encounter – Create a small group culture where at least 145 people experience a small group by June 1, 2018. Also the Respond goal was blessing 800 people by June 1, 2018.

Open Discussion

Tom brought up the refurbishment of the hand bells, noting this needs to be done very soon. The total cost of the refurbishment is approximately \$4,000 – the Memorial Fund and Men’s Group have donated funds toward the refurbishment and UMW has also been approached for a donation. It was suggested that the refurbishment project be presented at the upcoming Sunday worship service, providing the congregation with an opportunity to donate toward the cost. Tom volunteered to speak on behalf of the project. Pastor Justin suggested moving forward using building maintenance funds and use any special donations received to repay the fund. The Council agreed this was a good idea.

Carol asked if anyone was interested in taking over the Recording Secretary responsibilities. There were no volunteers.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Tower, Recording Secretary.