

## Park United Methodist Church Council - Draft #2

April 20, 2017; 6:30

*Mission: To **invite** others into relationship so they can **encounter** Christ's love and **respond** by inviting others into relationships. (original statement)*

**Present:** Pastor Justin Halbersma, Twila Ehrich-Belton, Jamie Lee, Scott Gutierrez, Sandy Beyer, Jon Weston, Bob Weston, Kathi Hefti

**Retired:** Barb Boevers, Greg Hight, Scott Bachman & Richard Slieter

**Absent:** Tom Yeager, Carol Tower

Council meeting began at 6:30 with Prayer by Pastor Justin.

**Personal Celebrations highlights:** honors choir, past tax day, celebration of life, family at Easter, \$500 for camperships, \$1,000 for Weston family, Son-rise service.

**Chapters 5 & 6: 'Who Moved my Pulpit: Leading Change in the Church'** by Thom S. Rainer  
Discussion on revisions to the mission statement to better reflect who we are. Is the last 'respond' phrase adequate? Suggest changing it to "be blessing others." Per statement by Rainer (p72) Vision statements are to guide us, and to be adjusted as needed. Pastor Justin challenged us to think of our Zacchaeus story (Luke 19:1-10). How is it reflected in the mission statement? New statement below:

To **invite** others into relationship so they can **encounter** Christ's love and **respond** by blessing others.  
(revised statement, underling added to reflect revision)

Chapter 6 talked of balance for pastors. The importance of pastors to share and for councils to be aware of the intensity of the pastoral position.

**New Council Member's** - introductions, overview, etc.:

Two of four persons have agreed to join the council; two more will be added before the all-church meeting where we vote on the leadership team. Target date for that is May 14, Mother's Day.

Discussed new council member training, i.e., condensed training on Rule of Christ, DISC profile, etc. Who Moved my Pulpit & Lasting Impact books, and perhaps an afternoon/evening retreat in June.

The Policy Manual (70 some pages) will be put on SLACK. A team, to be named later, will work on revisions.

**Goal Review:** Discuss new goal plan:

What would goals written around "Invite, Encounter, Respond" look like? There are 10-12 goals. Where are we now? What three goals should we focus upon?

**Invite** - current goal: *Each member invites 5 people into a friendship/relationship where they share the love of Christ.*

Considerations in evaluating goals:

- Be intentional about being in places where you don't know people
- Be intentional about where people don't feel love
- Listening to (people's) needs [identifying]
- More inviting/less judgmental
- Make guest feel welcome & seen at the very beginning
- The goal is measurable

What would that look like - being at places where people don't feel loved? I.e., reading to kids at school; how to apply topic of study or sermon, provide spaces where the stranger feels welcome & seen, feels like they've been here all their life.

Agreed to rewrite an invite goal so it was not intimidating, and could involve whole congregation, if not directly then indirectly:

*Invite - new goal: Park Church will invite 400 people to a friendship/relationship where they share the love of Christ by Jan 1, 2018.*

**May Assignment:** Council members are to think about the same things for **Encounter & Respond**. What does the church community look like? What is the vision of the church that encounters the love of Christ? What does the vision of the church look like for persons responding & blessing others?

Remember there is a SLACK channel, created in March, for goal discussion. The current list of goals will be added to this channel for reference.

#### **Budget Release to the Congregation - Jon Weston**

A shortened version of the budget will be prepared for publication in The Blast, there will be a link to a detailed budget for those desiring more information. There will be a conversation during morning coffee around the budget - May 21. Sandy shared proof of brochure. Goal would be to have this ready for the 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Report Review:**

Finance - Jon Weston

Cash reserve is ahead of 2016. As of 3/31 \$10,000+ for operating, first three month apportionments have been paid. Overall giving is close to last year, which this year includes rent from TCC.

#### **SPRC - Scott Gutierrez**

Positions to be posted by May, interviews in June, start dates in July:

- **Director of discipleship** - was moved to fulltime position.
- **Part-time Worship Leader** for second service
- **Secret Worshipper** - exploring possibilities

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Justin's focus is on second service launch; VBS has been moved from June to August 14-18. He worked out Discipleship system . . .

Logo Reveal - we gotta peek- to be revealed on Sunday, April 23rd!!

Closed with prayer remembering those who were on council who are transitioning on, for us to find ways to live into our mission . . . Amen

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