

**Park United Methodist Church**  
***Church Council Minutes***  
**July 17, 2017**

**Members Present:** Sandy Beyer, Carol Tower, Scott Gutierrez, Kerry Beebee, Brock Reynolds, Joseph Sparks, Roxi Grimsley, and Pastor Justin Halbersma

**Members Absent:** Twila Ehrich-Belton, Jon Weston, Bob Weston, Tom Yeager, Jamie Lee, and Kathi Hefti

**Guests:** n/a

**Agenda:** Stood as presented.

**Meeting to Order:** 6:30 p.m. Pastor began the meeting with prayer. Scott served as Council Chair in Twila's absence.

**Personal Celebrations and Prayers** – Each person shared a personal celebration, which included moving into a new home, the recent Summer Bash events, and family celebrations.

**Stewardship Campaign** – Scott said we need to look at a timeline for the stewardship campaign to be rolled out this fall. Pastor Justin explained that a stewardship campaign's purpose is to energize the congregation to make a commitment to give to God through the church to help fulfill its mission utilizing those resources and help plan a budget to make that happen. The group utilized a RACI chart for this exercise. (Please see separate document.) Roxi and Sandy accepted responsibility for being accountable for creating the Stewardship Task Force by August 15, 2017. The completion date for the campaign was set for October 31, 2017.

**Capital Campaign** – Due to the amount of time spent on the Stewardship Campaign RACI chart and number of missing Council members, this topic was tabled to a future meeting.

***Who Moved My Pulpit Ch. 7 and 8*** – The group spent time discussing these two chapters of the book and how they relate back to Park. For Chapter 7, the group discussed how the Park congregation reacts to change and had conversation about how that can affect our moving into a new chapter of ministry. The conversation was thoughtful and encouraging in reminding us that change is a process and everyone engage change in different ways.

**Signage** – Justin said this topic will be forwarded to the Building and Grounds Team, but it is the plan to begin incorporating our new logo into our permanent signage. The banners used for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be utilized in the interim. More information to come on this at future meetings.

**SPRC** – Scott provided an update on the search for a Director of Discipleship and Mission. Three candidates completed the paperwork. During the review of the information submitted, one candidate was eliminated, leaving two candidates to interview. One of the two candidates withdrew from consideration, leaving one candidate for the position.

The candidate is from Virginia and will be in Brainerd July 18 – 20. The Interview Team will have a “small group leader training simulation” with the candidate on Tuesday, July 18. He will then participate in the Summer Bash event at Baxter Elementary, along with several other pertinent items to be reviewed during his visit.

The search for a second service Worship Leader continues. The Worship Leader’s responsibilities would include presenting special music according to the church calendar, as well as coordinate music to reflect the theme of the worship service. We had two individuals respond to the online ad; however, Justin continues to explore other options.

**Report Review** – The only report that was submitted was the Treasurer’s Report. There were no questions on the report.

Justin closed the meeting with prayer.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Tower, Recording Secretary.