

Park United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
November 20, 2017

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

Members Absent: Jamie Lee

Guests: Josh Greer

Agenda: Stood as presented.

Meeting to Order: 6:35 p.m. Twila called the Council to order.

Pastor began the meeting with prayer.

Personal Celebrations and Prayers – Each person shared a personal celebration. Items included Lili, the second service, family time, healthy families, the welcoming feeling now felt at Park.

Discipleship Formation Plans – Josh and Justin provided an update on the discipleship formation efforts. One idea that came forward was to create a sermon series growth group. The plan is to offer three sets of sermon series – spring, fall, and winter. It would begin with a smaller trial group beginning in January 2018.

The bulletin's note section will be revised dependent upon the sermon series. The sermons will be made available via podcast after they've been delivered. Josh said he felt the educational opportunities will be greatly enhanced with the discipleship formation plan that is mapped out. The Council had several questions to which Justin and Josh responded.

SPRC – Josh provided an update on the recent "Meet and Greets" sessions that were held. He shared that, overall, they were very successful and appreciated the opportunity to meet as many people as he did. Kathi shared these meeting were also a good opportunity to connect with other church members.

Scott invited Josh to attend any future Council meetings.

Josh left the meeting.

Signage – Bob did not have an update at this time. He will reach out to the HCI Hospitality Committee for the information they gathered. Jon said that most of the HCI funds have been used; however, there are other funds that may be available. Bob will follow up on this item. He also noted that we need “security type” signage.

Budget – Jon shared that the Finance Committee met directly prior to the full Council meeting. He needs information on apportionment amounts, as well as compensation numbers. Once this is received, a budget can be prepared and presented to the full Council for discussion and approval.

Tom acknowledged that while Justin is not seeking an increase, there needs to be a review of all staff compensation as it relates to Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA). Jon said the initial work on the 2018 budget indicated an increase, mostly due to adding a full-time staff member.

Kerry had questions on the results of the Stewardship Campaign. There was a brief review of the Stewardship Campaign. Twila shared that since the commitment cards were sealed, we don't have an idea of the results. Sandy and Roxi both commented how well this Stewardship Campaign Team worked together.

Communication Strategies – The Council spent time on implementation of communication throughout the church and community.

Justin presented the idea of having two websites – one would be directed toward those that are not yet connected to Park; the other would be for those people that are already involved. He has a contact with a professional that designs websites.

The Council spent time discussing the pros and cons of separate websites. The Council will spend time researching various websites and report back at the December meeting.

Second Service Update – The Council lifted up a prayer for the launch of the second service and all those associated with it. The November attendance reached the goal that was set. Overall, the feeling is that it is a refreshing service. Twila encouraged each Council member to attend and invite someone to join them.

Capital Campaign – There were no updates at this time.

Report Review – Reports were submitted prior to the meeting. Jon will update the financials to reflect reallocating Josh's salary to the correct category. Bob reported we had to spend money on the heating system. Also, the roof at Park continues to leak. Bob will follow up with the contractors on maintenance issues. He also reported that the van was sold, thus the insurance was cancelled.

The incident with the alarm going off and subsequent response was discussed.

The Council held a confidential wage discussion for church staff.

Justin closed the meeting with prayer at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Tower, Recording Secretary.