

All Church Council Minutes October 14, 2018

Present:

Chairman Sue Lessoff, Pastor Cheol, Karen Stearns, Sylvia Yoder, Steve Yoder, George Klingman, Dave Joy, Carol Robbins, Don Ross, Sandy Gallup, Mel Bacha, Robin Pinchin, Janice Klingman (recording secretary)

The meeting began at 11:20am with Sue Lessoff leading the group in prayer.

There was discussion about the procedure presented for fire drills for Church and Sunday School and the Adult Education program. It was also suggested that the Church School have a yearly fire drill.

Trustees: Don Ross, Trustee Co-Chair

- The improvements to the Sanctuary sound system have been completed. The last pew had to be removed to accommodate the equipment.
- Mike Gay has offered to paint the Fellowship Hall windows for cost. He will do the inside this winter for \$500 and do the outside in the spring for \$1,000. The Trustees are appealing to the congregation to donate funds for the job.
- The Sanctuary circulating pump had to be replaced in September at a cost of \$1,175.
- In September, the Town of Vernon, Fire Marshall visited the church and determined that the kitchen range fire extinguishing system is not hooked up to the church fire alarm system. He says that building code requires hookup. He also strongly suggested that the church alarm system should be hooked to the Fire Department. The project will be handled through DynaMark.
- On October 3, 2018 the annual parsonage walk-through inspection was conducted by members of SPRC, Trustees, and Pastor. There were three minor discrepancies that will be corrected by the GOM's.
- Fire extinguisher in church needed replacing. Don will check to see if this has been done.

Music: Karen Stearns

- The Leap of Faith Concert will be held Sunday 28th at 10am during normal worship time. There are 21 choir members, including RUMC singers and guests.
- Changes to the sound system in the Sanctuary have been completed.
- The clutter at the front of the church has been cleaned up.
- A new desk at the rear of the Sanctuary is in place for use with the new sound system. The rear of the church has also been cleaned up.
- Grove Street Music has 12 participants in the Leap of Faith Concert.

Christian Education, Linda Shivers

- October 26th – Youth group sleepover. They will be making mission bags for the Soup Kitchen.
- October 28th, there will be no Church School
- Nursery care will be available during the Leap of Faith Concert Oct. 28th.
- December 23, church school will make ornaments for home
- Linda says she would like to focus more on mission projects.

Finance and Treasurer and Financial Secretary

- In absence of Jim Mlodzinski, George Klingman mentioned that we are between \$7k and \$8k behind on pledges, but that this is not unusual for this time of year. We usually catch up by the end of the year.
- There has been more than \$5k extra cost in church maintenance this year, (which most likely, won't be made up.)
- The fund-raising talked about earlier this year has not been highly successful, because many of the projects discussed have not be done.
- The church checking account used to pay bills is down.
- Fundraising will be incorporated into our Stewardship Campaign.

Lay Member of Annual Conference – Sandy Gallup No report.

Men's Club: Don Ross

- Men's club will do the roast pork dinner on Dec. 16th following the Christmas Pageant, and the Valentines Breakfast in February. After that, there will be no more Men's Club suppers.

Missions: Sylvia Yoder

- Stan Culy provided a report on the Marri Family.
- Sylvia suggested that mission projects should be included in the Church budget next year. (so that they do not take monies from the budget for other projects in the Church).
- There will be a planning meeting around the 1st of 2019.

Publicity: Janice Klingman (no report)

Small Groups: Pastor reporting

- Have been inactive recently, due to Phyllis being ill with shingles.
- Pastor reported that the Bible class will continue until Nov 11th.
- Beginning on December 2nd, a 4-week Advent Devotional will begin.

SPRC: Sandy Gallup

- Parsonage walk through with trustees has been completed.
- Pastor's compensation form was completed.
- Safe Sanctuary policy has been reworded.

UMW:

- Will be meeting next Sunday, Oct. 21st
- Greeting Card Ministry is continuing.
- There was a brief discussion with Pastor about the regularity of meetings of UMW.

Vernon community Network: Carol Robbins (no report)

Visitation and Nurture: Pastor Cheol

- Has visited Ardis Abbott, Esther Harris and June Latofski
- Pastor mentioned that as per our Safe Sanctuary policy, he should be accompanied by a second party (usually Stan Culy) during visits.

Worship: Carol Robbins

- A meeting was held September 23rd.
- LOF Concert will be held on October 28th during normal service time. Pastor will do a welcome and prayer. There will be a regular offering in the middle of the concert, with an additional envelope inserted in the bulletin for Leap of Faith gifting. Pastor will give the benediction.
- Pastor is trying to remember to do silent Prayer every week.
- Mel suggested Children's Message be a little shorter.
- Candy suggested going back to the old system to get liturgists for every Sunday. She will recruit them until the end of the year.
- Carol reviewed the list of committee members.
- Next Worship meeting will be November 11th following the church service.

Old Business: None**New Business: Pastor Cheol**

- D.S. is coming to RUMC Tuesday evening, October 16th. SPRC meets with him at 6pm. Church Conference is at 7pm.
- Pastor spoke about the importance of apportionments and his concern about the radical drop in giving in the past few years. He is being encouraged by the Conference to turn this situation around. Pastor also mentioned that Endowments can be used for apportionments.
- Pledge cards will come out in Nov.
- Pastor's sermon series this fall will be "Giving to God".
- Next year we need more focus on fund-raising in our stewardship campaign. Perhaps begin the stewardship campaign earlier in the year.
- Next year, Men's Club, UMW and Missions should direct focus on fundraising.
- We need money to minister to the world!

Other new business:

- SPRC and Finance Committees have met and discussed Pastor's salary. This must be voted on at the Charge Conference.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15. Our next meeting will be on November 18th following worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Klingman
Recording Secretary