

Minutes of church council meeting for Sunday, September 16, 2018

Attendees: Pastor SeokCheol Shin, Janice K, Wayne B, Steve Y, Sylvia Y, Sandy G, Carol R, George K, Jim M, Linda S, David S, Karen S, Sue Lessoff, council chair, Candy Sunderland, council recording secretary for today.

Music - Karen Stearns spoke first, Leap of Faith concert. New date, concert will now be held during normal worship service on October 28th at 10:00 am. Same date as trunk or treating.

Pastor Cheol lead in a prayer.

Pastor Cheol – Highlight team ministry, strong and diverse ministries, continue what we do as Methodists, emphasize connection. He discussed his report, and to renew each committee. Lay Leadership to have a committee meeting to discuss talents, gifts, also discuss Lay Servants – having course offered for anyone interested in Lay Servant ministry. (attached report).

Christian Education – Linda Shivers talked about successes with mission week in the summer, very successful. Rally Sunday, Sept. 9th, successful, and Youth group to start back up in October.

Finance – Jim M. – Expenses higher than income currently. Mission shares at \$2667.00, Gifts have been given to church to help support Marri Family with tutoring of the children for school during summer months. Jim handed out several expense reports and quickly reviewed them.

Stewardship Chair – Judie Culy – on vacation

Lay Member to annual conference – Sandy Gallup

Lay Leaders – Candy and Mel, nothing new to report

Missions – Currently there is no missions chair, but Sylvia spoke of the Adopt a child program, very successful with a summer collection to help out with a local boy and girl. The children's needs to sponsor are given to the church through Vernon Social Services. There are many programs that are still running with the help of many people stepping up and stepping in to help. GFW, Holiday Gift Fund, Rise Against Hunger, Mothers day blankets, Fathers day. These are all programs that fall under missions. Steve Yoder spoke on Syrian family, gave highlights of Stan Culy report. (See attached.)

Publicity – Janice K. discussed how to publicize Leap of Faith concert event that will now be during worship service, October 28th 10:00 am

SPRC – Sandy Gallup is new committee chair, recently met with committee and Pastor Cheol. We are looking over discipline for committee, renewing our contacts with staff, and looking at existing files.

Trustees- Sue Lessoff read report for Don Ross . (see report)

UMW – Judie Culy- on vacation. No report

Vernon Community Network – Carol Robbins, meetings are held 1st Friday of the month. An opportunity to see what's happening in the community. Sylvia invited Pastor Cheol to come to a meeting.

Visitation and Nurture – Pastor Cheol continues to do visiting of shut-ins, those that are ill or recovering in rehab facilities, along with Stan visiting, invited everyone to do some visiting. Discussed the “we care” list that has names and numbers, addresses for anyone interested.

Small Groups – met twice a month. Cheol, Jerry and Jane.

Worship – Carol Robbins is chair, talked about what committee does for service, the processional, the recessional and choir. Candy asked Carol who is on committee. Worship committee to meet again on Sunday, September 23rd.

David Saunders spoke of a group, Vernon Rocks Coalition, they are a group that works under KidSafe. Dave asked how can we publicize in our church. Janice offered to post on screen, also in weekly bulletin.

No old business.

New business. Pastor Cheol has started a weekly bible study on Sunday mornings. Talked about an Advent Series and possibly finding speakers and topics from within the church. Also, possibility of having another Bible study group on Thursday mornings.

Church conference will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018. District Superintendent, David Calhoun will meet with SPRC first at 6 pm, then church conference at 7 pm. Anyone can attend.

Sylvia mentioned the Bell director of Hockanum Valley Ringers has a quilt representing diversity and Sylvia has asked to bring it into church to display.

October 14, next church council meeting to be held after church service.

Sue Lessoff has volunteered to be council chair for another year with our new appointment of Pastor Cheol in July.

Also asked for someone to be council recording secretary. Janice Klingman volunteered for the job.

Sylvia Yoder offered to co-chair missions committee. Janice also volunteered to co-chair with her.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm

Submitted by Candy Sunderland