

All Church Council Minutes

June 30, 2019

Present:

Chairman Sue Lessoff, Pastor Cheol, Don Ross, Dave Joy, Mel Bacha, Judie Culy, Stan Culy, Carol Robbins, Steve Yoder, Sylvia Yoder, George Klingman, Karen Stearns, Geoff Gerow, Dave Saunders, Janice Klingman, Recording Secretary.

The meeting began at 11:15am with Pastor Cheol leading us in prayer.

- Finance - Judie Culy. See attached report. Sue will ask Diane to send the finance report as an attachment to the current newsletter.

Additional discussion followed, (not all dialogue pertaining to Finance):

1. With regard to members we haven't seen lately - we shouldn't think they've left because they haven't been around.
 2. Don Ross suggested cutting costs by having a custodian for less hours the summer months.
 3. Dave Saunders asked what we are doing not about the current LGBTQ dialogue. It was mentioned that discussions have been taking place one-on-one rather than in open dialogue. Dave Joy reminded us that the issue has been around for a long time, but largely ignored in the past.
 4. Dave Joy discussed capital expenses. Large repairs would be financially catastrophic. They will be meeting with the DS in the future, and agree that the Conference needs to help us find a solution to our financial crisis. (One problem at RUMC is that there are no endowment funds to tap.)
 5. Financial and Trustee issues at this time: 1. How to grow the church? 2. Finances and capitol repairs. (Cost of repairing the roof - approximately \$65,000.)
 6. It was mentioned by Pastor that the Conference has closed about 6 small churches recently.
- Report on Marri Family - see attached report from Stan Culy.

- Report on LGBTQ Bible Studies - see attached report from Stan Culy

- Pastor Cheol
 1. Will be on a two-week vacation and will not be preaching August 4th and 11th.
 2. Next Sunday (July 7th from 8:30-9:30am), pastor will be leading a Prayer Meeting. There will be a Bible class later as well as a book club.
 3. Cheol presented some suggestions for fundraisers submitted by Diane Lajoie (see attachment). The suggested events for October 13 - November 5th 2019 and March 1-22, 2020 were approved. The Family Painting Fundraiser for September will be discussed further. It was mentioned that it could either be a paint or plant fundraiser.
 4. Other potential fundraisers mentioned were a car wash in July, spaghetti supper, Movie Night, Ice cream social, and restaurant fundraisers.
 5. There will be a meeting July 11th to continue to discuss fundraising. All are welcomed to attend.

- Additional Dialogue about fundraisers:
 1. Mike and Eileen Gay are doing a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser September 14th. They are considering doing a silent or live auction along with the dinner.
 2. Peach Festival August 17th, Dave Joy Chairman. There will be another bake sale in addition to the dinner. Sylvia Yoder is in charge of the bake sale, with proceeds going to the church budget.
 3. Steve Yoder discussed the Good Friday Walk and whether RUMC (no longer in conjunction with Sharing, Inc.) could consider using the proceeds for the church budget. Sylvia disagreed with this saying that people who have supported the Walk in the past might not be eager to contribute to our church budget. It was mentioned that if we do the Walk next year with Cornerstone, the proceeds would be evenly divided. Therefore, walkers would still be contributing to a charitable cause.
 4. It was mentioned that the CT rest areas will once again be open 24 hours a day, and that we should consider

sponsoring a rest area again. Rest areas can be reserved by organizations 3 months prior to the event. We will continue to discuss the possibility of doing this.

- Worship Services: (will take place while Pastor is on vacation)
 1. August 4th, Worship Service: L Johnson from the Worcester Church will be at RUMC and will make bread for communion. Stan Culy suggested a free-will offering be taken.
 2. August 11th - Hymn Sing to be organized by Karen Stearns, IF Karen is available that Sunday.
- Worship Committee - see report submitted by Carol Robbins
- Missions Committee - Sylvia Yoder
 1. Proceeds from Bake Sale during the Strawberry Supper were \$400. This will be used to help pay Mission Shares.
 2. Committee will sponsor a bake sale during the Peach Festival in August. Proceeds will go into the general church budget.
 3. Adopt-a-Child campaign will most likely be August 4th, 11th and 18th.
 4. September 25th committee meeting at 7pm will include Brian Flint from Cornerstone.
 5. Missionary Belinda Forbes will be at RUMC October 30th at 6pm for a Pot Luck Supper followed a presentation about her mission work in Nicaragua. Judie Culy will invite other churches to attend.
- Our next meeting will be August 25th at 11:15am.
- The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janice Klingman, recording secretary.