

Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018
Zwingli UCC, Mount Vernon, WI

Council Members Present: Karen Fletcher, Scott Holmstrom, Jeff Jenkins, Pat Leavenworth, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Dowling, Pastor Brad Brookins, Alan Ferguson (Treasurer)

Absent: none

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Karen Fletcher at 6:06 p.m.

1. Opening prayer was offered by Karen

2. Approval of minutes of March 13th

Jeff Jenkins motioned to file the March 13th minutes and Pat Leavenworth seconded. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a) Alan Ferguson gave the financial report:
 - Significant financial contributions were made the last two Sundays that will make the April numbers look very good. We are still a bit short for the year but looking much better.
 - There were no questions submitted in response to the financial email that was sent out to the congregation.
 - Mary Dowling motioned to file the treasurer's report and Pat Leavenworth seconded. Motion carried.

4. Reports/Updates:

- a) Long-Range Planning Committee
 - The committee will begin meeting again starting in May
 - Will continue reviewing the book, Real Good Church and discuss possible strategies that could be proposed/adopted
 - The council provided the following items for the committee to consider:
 - 1 Kitchen updates
 - 2 Building updates
 - 3 Long-range strategies to present to the congregation
 - 4 Investigate spiritual strategies as opposed to just the physical ones
 - 5 Recruitment of additional members that are not already on other committees or otherwise heavily involved in the church
 - 6 Expanding kids program
- b) Maintenance Report
 - There are several areas around the church that require attention
 - The Stucco in several spots around the building needs attention
 - o Will need to dig out around the foundation at least 1 foot deep
 - o Considering adding drain tile since the foundation will be exposed
 - o One estimate received for \$2000 with contractor donating \$1000 of the cost
 - Jeff Jenkins is going to replace the wood around the North side fire escape
 - Committee is considering clean-up of the front ramp
 - Jim Fletcher replaced all the ceiling tiles in the kitchen with fire proof tiles
 - Jim Fletcher replaced the kitchen waste basket
 - Jeff Jenkins motioned and Pat Leavenworth seconded to thank Jim Fletcher for his efforts on the church. Motioned carried.

5. Old Business:

- a) Shoe Box brat sale
 - Phil Leavenworth sent out an email to recruit a new chair for the brat sale in 2019. No takers so far. Phil will sign-up for 2019 in the hope that someone will still step up.

6. New Business:

- a) Preparing for an emergency
 - An Emergency Committee already exists, led by Dave Harvey. Alan Ferguson is also on the committee.
 - Karen Fletcher to look if our insurance company has any procedures, training, etc.
 - Alan Ferguson stated that the sheriff's department has resources/training for:
 - Assisting those with special needs during an emergency evacuation
 - Fire evacuation planning
 - Active shooter planning
- b) Reformation of the Open and Affirming committee
 - Original members were Pat Leavenworth (chair), Mary Dowling, Claire Jenkins, Mark Landmark and Brad as Ex Officio
 - Pat requested to step down as chair to focus on the Long Range Planning Committee
 - The council discussed possible activities for the committee:
 1. A series of signs, each welcoming a different group (rotate one per week)
 2. Replace the two signs coming into town which are faded. Alan priced these out at ~\$162 from a UCC recommended supplier
 3. Promote welcome to immigrants
 4. Promote dementia friendly programs/environment
- c) Conference attendance
 - Barbara Schmidt and Phil Leavenworth are attending conference at Salem.
- d) There are a lot of new members in the church and it would be great to get them involved. Now would be a good time to publish a list of all the committees with a description of what each does so everyone is aware of the service opportunities available.
- e) Karen Fletcher reported on the average monthly attendance
 - Jan-60; Feb-52; March 60

6. Closing prayer was offered by Brad

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm

The next meeting date is set for is May 8th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Submitted by Scott Holmstrom