

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Matt Sipe, Kerry Rausch, Jocelin Reynolds, Rob Cornelius, Michelle Behsman. Derrick Galinat, Paulette Adams, Karla Lassonde and Stacy Vanderwerf.

Don opened with prayer and the council joined in the Lord's prayer.

Approval of minutes: Church council reviewed the minutes from November. Kerry made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Rob. The motion passed.

Finance Report: Rob provided a report of November finances. Plate giving in November was \$19,750.66. Expenses were \$18,398.36. Net income was \$2,745.92.

Budget: The budget for 2022 was presented. The budget is essentially the same as 2021, with the addition of the Youth Director salary and a slight increase in Trustee spending which factored increases in utilities. Michelle provided an update on pledges for 2022. After a brief discussion, the budget passed unanimously.

Committee Updates: Paulette provided an OCC update. Monies have been coming in for Hilltop Heroes and funding was provided so that foster families could plan accordingly for Christmas gifts. Support is also underway for a young woman who has aged out of the foster care system and Matt requested that council members pray for her. Youth Christmas party will take place Saturday, Dec. 18th. MCCI Children, Youth and Family Ministry met and discussed a new Wednesday night program to potentially launch during Lent which will include a Community Meal. Trustees plan to help with sanctuary lighting.

Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman