

**Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Matt Sipe, Dan Marti, Derrick Galinat, Paulette Adams, Don Putzier, Karla Lassonde, Kerry Rausch, and Michelle Behsman.

Dan opened with prayer.

**Approval of minutes:** The April minutes were not available for review and will be approved at a later date.

**Bible Study:** Pastor Matt read from Acts 1, drawing specific attention to Jesus' response to the disciples question about the restoration of God's kingdom. Jesus told them they would receive power through the Holy Spirit and that they would be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Matt spoke on what it means to be a witness – that it is to share with others what God has done and that it is not about convincing.

**Finance Report:** Michelle provided a report of April finances. Worship service offerings were \$19,914.66. Total Income was \$21,755.67 and expenses were \$20,192.38, for a net income of \$1,563.29. The working general fund balance on 4/30/22 was \$57,797.58. General giving is ahead by \$3,600.00 compared to the same time last year (Jan.-Apr.). Don made a motion to approve the finance report, with a second by Matt. The motion passed.

- a. Acting upon recommendations of the auditor, Michelle made a motion to consolidate all savings accounts (Building Improvement 1684, Increase 3361, Memorial 1452, and Wesley 4189) in one account. The tracking of designations would still be done in QuickBooks. Derrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- b. In other business, Don made a motion to add Derrick Galinat as a signer on the safe deposit box. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed. There was a question about the amount collected for Ukraine. Michelle said she would send an update later by email.

**Committee Updates:** Don provided an update on the Tech team: there was a meeting Sunday, May 15, following worship to discuss challenges and onboarding of new tech room volunteers.

**Calendaring:**

- a. May 22 - Volunteer recognition
- b. May 24-25 - Annual Conference Session in St. Cloud
- c. May 25 - Last Wednesday community meal (One Long Table) and Kids' Connection
- d. May 29 - Return to one worship service at 9:15am for the summer, alternating contemporary and blended
- e. June 5 - Graduation recognition during worship (four seniors)
- f. June 29 - Hilltop BBQ "Getting' Sauced at Church"
- g. July 10 - Outdoor worship on church lawn
- h. July 17 - Moondogs Faith Night
- i. July 24-27 - Youth camping trip to KoWaKan
- j. July 27 - Night at the Ballpark
- k. August 31 - Hilltop Carnival

**Visioning:**

- a. Facilities update—the survey is available both online and on paper. Once the survey closes, then the team would begin a feasibility study.
- b. Fall worship schedule – Wednesday nights have been going very well and there is energy and life in that programming. There have been questions about having worship on Wednesday nights as well and the youth are excited about this possibility. There is a need for two services. Wednesday night worship would be an opportunity to serve not only families, who have weekend sports activities, but also college students. Wednesday worship could also solve issues with choir and worship band practices and be inviting to more individuals as time commitment would be less. For example, both choir and band currently practice on Wednesday and then play on Sunday (two days a week). With a Wednesday worship, the band could rehearse Wednesday before the service and then play for that service (one day a week). Choir is also currently a

commitment of two days a week, but they could rehearse before Sunday worship each week and then perform at that service. Other details discussed were weekly communion, children's moment, and scheduling of other Wednesday night activities (meal, youth group, confirmation.) The primary goal in making this change would be for both expressions of worship to thrive. Matt made a motion to move to two worship services in the fall, one on Sunday morning and one on Wednesday night. Dan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

c. Guest Welcome - tabled for the next council meeting.

No council meeting in June. Next meeting will be July 21 at 6:30pm.

Matt closed in prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman