

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
(December 15, 2022 postponed to 01/05/23)**

Present: Paulette Adams, Karla Lassonde, Kerry Rausch, Jocelin Maine, Rob Cornelius, Derrick Galinat, Michelle Behsman, Matt Sipe.

Pastor Matt opened with prayer.

Michelle provided an overview of the proposed 2023 budget. The Finance team made some changes in order to reflect actual spending. There is an increase of \$16,200.99 over last year's budget, the total budget is \$319,157.67. Michelle highlighted each line item that was changed.

Income and pledged giving was added for better comparison of spending against income. Matt drew attention to the \$42,000 increase in pledged giving for 2023. Karla spoke on the cost-of-living increases in staff salaries.

There was discussion about the Emerging Ministry Fund and how it was used to launch Community Meals. In 2023, Community Meals will have a dedicated line item in the budget. There was a question as to whether the reduction in budget for kitchen supplies would be an issue considering the expense of the Community Meals. Other topics of discussion included projected utility cost, technology costs and summer family outreach (VBS.)

Derrick made a motion to approve the 2023 budget of \$319,157.67. There was a second from Paulette. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.