

**Hilltop United Methodist Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.**

Present: Pastor Matt Sipe, Derrick Galinat, Rob Cornelius, Michelle Behsman, Kerry Rausch, Jocelin Maine, Don Putzier, and Karla Lassonde.

Pastor Matt opened with prayer and led a study on Matthew 13:44-46.

Minutes: Karla made a motion to approve the minutes from October with a second from Jocelin. The motion carried.

Finance Report: Rob provided a report of October finances. Total income was \$ 20,291.16, expenses were \$21,156.15, net income was -\$864.99. Rob said that overall we are doing well and Pastor Matt shared that many churches are struggling due to changes brought about by the pandemic. Matt reiterated that it is important for us to be innovative post-pandemic and that is possibly part of the reason that we are doing well. There were questions about budget for income. Don made a motion to approve the report, with a second from Jocelin. The motion carried.

Committee Updates: Nursery area was moved to the west classroom and the current nursery room will become multi-purpose meeting space. Kids' Connection will continue to meet in the west classroom on Wednesdays. Kerry provided an update on the Blood Drive. The goal was 31 units and 41 units were collected.

Calendaring:

- a. Nov. 20 – Pulpit Swap with Jeff Adams
- b. Nov. 27 – start of Advent
- c. Dec. 14 – Impromptu Children's Program
- d. Dec. 14 – Summer Mission Trip Info Meeting after worship (for youth and adults)
- e. Dec. 18/21 – Blue Christmas
- f. Dec. 24/25 – Christmas Services (same)

Visioning:

- a. Short-term
 - i. There was brief discussion about required materials for Davy & Associates.
- a. Long-term
 - i. January 20-22 – RISE youth group ski trip
 - ii. February 16-19 – Men's Walk to Emmaus
February 23-26 – Women's Walk to Emmaus
 - iii. March 17-19 – Marriage Retreat

Don and the Council closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm. Next meeting will be December 15 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman