

**Hilltop United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present via video conference:** Matt Sipe, Don Putzier, Paulette Adams, Rob Cornelius, Karla Lassonde, Dan Marti, and Michelle Behsman (present for the first portion of the meeting)

Don opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approval of minutes:** Church council reviewed the minutes from July. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Paulette. The motion passed. There were two additions to the agenda: discussion of a new AED and mission/ministry support. Matt made a motion to approve the agenda, Paulette seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Bible Study:** Pastor Matt shared scripture from the Jeremiah 18:1-11. Matt talked about prophesying and how God may use an individual to highlight His intentions. There are lots of challenges in this world today, with people not feeling things are right. Several shared about their challenges and what concerns in our community God is calling us to act on.

**Finance Report:** Rob provided a report of July finances. General giving in July was \$22,141.66. Total income was \$22,520.11. Expenses were \$17,820.19. Net income was \$4,699.92. Rob indicated that our numbers are consistent with our 7-year average. People continue to be generous. Karla made a motion to approve the finance report with a second from Matt. The motion passed.

**Calendar:**

- a. Kids' Connection parent meeting August 31 at 7 p.m.
- b. Kids' Connection starts Sept. 12
- c. Youth Group/Confirmation starts Sept. 15
- d. Confirmation Sunday is October 3
- e. Connect groups—dates and groups TBA—Barb Keith is coordinating
- f. OCC—November 15 to 21—Paulette Adams is coordinating
- g. Prayer partner ministry—starts in fall
- h. Choir—currently on hold due to COVID restrictions

**Committee Updates:** No specific updates at this time.

**Other business:**

The church needs a new AED, as our current one is 12 years old and could fail if used. Council agreed on purchasing a new AED and necessary pads for \$1230.92. Stephanie and Don Putzier reviewed the information and recommends the purchase. The new unit has a 7 year warranty.

Several mission/ministry needs have come up. The Council agreed on sending relief to Haiti immediately. The Council also agree that we will fund 2-3 Salvation Army meals during the next 6 months. Stephanie Putzier is coordinating these meals. Pastor Matt will inform congregation during upcoming worship services about these ministries so they are able to offer support.

**Visioning:**

Fall worship plans are moving ahead in stepwise fashion that was agreed upon last month. Beginning Labor Day, service will be at 9:15 a.m. (in-person and live stream). At a point later in the year, services will be at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Adjustments will be made depending on the Bishop's guidelines during the pandemic. Initially, music will be simplified, with choir and band on hold. A mix of contemporary and traditional music will be presented.

MCCI updates were provided. Don indicated that most of the discussion with Brunton has been completed. The MCCI building group will meet to discuss how to present ideas to the congregation and gather feedback. Matt indicated that the signature ministry group is currently on hold. The guest welcome team is paying attention to safety concerns during COVID, and realizes that simple welcoming strategies are still important.

Paulette Adams mentioned that the Free Press will be running an article within the next week about OCC and our involvement in the Shoebox ministry.

Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Putzier