

Hilltop United Methodist Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Pastor Matt Sipe, Don Putzier, Derrick Galinat, Michelle Behsman, Barb Keith, Kerry Rausch, Paulette Adams, Chris Buller, and Mike Menne.

Don opened with prayer.

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

Devotional: Pastor Matt shared a song, "Waiting For You" by The Many. He felt that the song captures what the season of Advent is all about. He pointed out the lyrics, that Jesus is waiting for us just as we are waiting on Him.

Finance Report: Michelle provided a report of October finances. In October, general giving was \$21,887.00. Total income was \$22,147.37. Expenses were \$20,870.27 and the net income was \$1,277.10. Working general fund balance at the end of October was \$35,753.34. A motion was made by Paulette to approve the finance report with a second from Barb. The motion carried.

Committee Updates: Don shared gratitude for Michael Menne and Michael Olson who have been working on the audio system. Matt reported that Jocelin Maine is stepping down from youth ministry beginning the start of the year. God is calling on her to do something new. She has been serving in youth and children's ministry for several years. Matt shared gratitude for Bob Berg for cleaning this week – our custodian, Kate, tested positive for Covid-19. Paulette reported on OCC and mentioned the need for younger members to help with the heavy lifting next year.

Calendaring:

- a. Dec. 13—Carols by Candlelight after community meal at 6:30 pm
- b. Dec. 17—Children's Christmas Program at 10:30 am service. Refreshments to be served to thank Jocelin for her service. Paulette mentioned the need to let Bonnie know.
- c. Dec. 24—Services at 10:30 am (traditional with choir) and 4:30 pm (contemporary)
- d. Dec. 31—One service at 10:30 am (traditional)
- e. Jan. 7—District Superintendent Preaching
- f. Jan. 19-21—Youth Ski Trip
- g. Feb. 4—Confirmation Sunday first Sunday of February. Paulette suggested having cake.

Capital Campaign update: Don reported that there will be a follow up meeting with the Capital Campaign team on December 9th. Don reported that MCCI building committee met on Nov. 21 and the team worked on specifics of the project. Brunton Architects is working on renderings of the front of sanctuary so that the team can clarify the placement and size of screens in the front of the sanctuary. Don made a motion to amend the current contract with Brunton in order to increase architect fees by \$5000 Matt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pastor Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman