

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Malone, WI**  
**Minutes of the Church Council**  
**October 18, 2017**

Council members present: Cara Wagner, Ann Martin, Joe Sattler, and Nancy Beckman. Rick Stellick, Kelly Groeschl, Stephanie Shepherd, Jason Hoefler and Leah Burg were absent. Also present was Pastor Dan Schultz.

President Cara Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She noted that with so many members absent we would not be able to entertain any motions.

Pastor Dan led the council in an opening prayer. He gave his normal report of meetings, visitations, etc. and it is attached at the end. He completed the website St. Paul's. A link to it was included in today's Midweek Apostle. He will be tweaking it in the coming month as changes are needed or suggested.

Nancy Beckman presented the secretary notes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting. She noted that the time of tonight's meeting should read 6:30 rather than 7 pm.

Ann Martin presented the September treasurer's report. Ann noted that we still have a heating credit from last season but she will pay some this month to stay ahead of the heating bill. It was also noted that with the Church Future money invested in financial instruments paying over 1% per month the interest amounts are much larger than in the past.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee**—Ann Martin—The Worship Committee canceled their October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and rescheduled it for November 1.

**Property Committee**—

- Tom Schmitz fixed the outside spot light at church and installed a motion sensor light at the parsonage by the door at the top of the handicap ramp and cleaned all the spider webs off the house. Nancy will send him a thank you note for his efforts. We have continued to have water in the women's bathroom. Rick Dempsey decided it was due to a faulty down spout and will get it fixed. There have also been mice in the church and he and Mary are working to remove them. The carpet in the preschool area was removed and junked following the flooding of the basement at the end of September.

**Christian Education**—

- A limited version of a messy Sunday has been planned for October 22.

**Women's Fellowship**—Nancy Beckman

- Peggy Isaacson was the speaker on October 2 and talked about her medical mission to Liberia.
- The next meeting is Monday, October 23 with Theresa Meyer speaking on some local historical topic.

**Technology Committee**—Ann Martin

- The committee will be meeting shortly to set up their Sunday Morning Screen schedule for the coming months.

**Mission Committee**—Nancy Beckman

- Five members and Pastor Dan prepared a meal at the Ronald McDonald House in Madison on October 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great trip and a wonderful facility. The trip may be repeated in the future.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> was Kiva Sunday with Peg Isaacson and Nancy Beckman doing a presentation during the sermon time. A special offering was taken and \$1,010 was donated so far. There will be offering envelopes available again this Sunday.
- A project to collect diapers and toilet paper for the HFP (Holyland Food Pantry) will start soon along with the Adopt A Family Salvation Army Christmas Project. The deadline will be early December.
- Their next meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Joe Sattler mentioned that the local 4-H Clubs are having a challenge to see which one can collect the most items for the HFP.

#### **Future Building Committee—Pastor Dan and Nancy Beckman**

- Meridian Surveyors will complete a survey of the property the church is located on in the next several weeks.
- We are looking for someone to do a valuation of the parsonage property.
- We are checking into potential new locations where we could either move the church to or build new.
- We will be visiting some churches that have added additions and/or speaking with members of their building committees to learn as much as possible from them.
- Our committee met with Don Diedrich of Capelle and Diedrich Construction in Fond du Lac and an architect from their company on October 16<sup>th</sup>. We talked to them about our three building options (addition to our current church, move the church and add an addition and build new.) We talked about potential features we would like in each of these options. We will meet again on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at which point they will come back with some sketches and ideas for our review. We will meet again with them on Dec 11 when they hope to have more detailed drawings. The goal is to have prices attached to their drawings by late January and ready for a presentation to the congregation. There will be no charges for their services.

#### **Old Business:**

- Ann Martin said that the Technology Committee has \$1000 in their budget for 2017 and has not used any of it and felt that it could be used to purchase the needed new computer for Pastor Dan. Pastor Dan will watch for a sale on the equipment he needs before purchasing it.
- The bulletin board was put up by the HFP and is working well.
- Pastor Dan expects to finish the church directory before the next council meeting.
- Pastor Dan will be sending out the letter presented at the last council meeting to in-active members before the next council meeting.
- Our Eagle Scout project's physical location was moved slightly and some work has started. A note of thanks and encouragement was sent to Alex Thome regarding his project.

#### **New Business:**

- Pastor Dan said they plan to move Ann's office to the first room at the top of the stairs to separate it from the meeting room which is also used by the HFP on distribution day. He also expressed some concern about items that are dropped off at the parsonage, presumably for the HFP, but then he doesn't know where they should be put or who should be notified about them. He is going to work with Sue Schultz on cleaning out some of the closets to create some needed space.
- Communion Bread—November 5, Rick Stellick and November 19, Ann Martin.
- Cara questioned whether we could or should reduce the number of council members. We currently have 4 officers and 5 members at large. An amendment to the constitution would need to be made to make this change permanent. Cara is on the nominating committee and looking for suggestions for council members and a Vice President/President.
- A new dehumidifier was purchased and installed in the basement about 2 weeks ago.
- Following discussions, Ann Martin with work with Rick Stellick on developing our 2018 budget and have a preliminary report available at the next council meeting.

The next council meeting date is Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Beckman Council Secretary

## **Pastor's Report September 2017**

Meetings: 8

Church Groups: 6

Individual: 2

Worship Services: 5

Graveside Service: 1

Visits: 5

Midweek Apostles: 5

NEA Updates: 2

Potluck

Church Website (Done!)

Mission Trip