

**ST LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27TH COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Sobo at 6:00 p.m. on February 27th.

Those present were:

Steve Sobo
Barbara Beck
Mike Bohn
Mary Ellen Cox
Julie Hubbard
Adam Rustige
Pastor Eric
Pastor Keith
Paul Simons
Bill Linnenberger
Kit Norton

Pastor Eric gave the opening prayer

Kit Norton was asked to give his report on KGCS (Keeping Gods Children Safe) – Visiting Choir. This was something that Lana Richards had started prior to her leaving. The UCC Church in Crystal Lake, IL is having a retreat on April 21st and 22nd and is wanting our congregation to host a overnight stay for 30 + or- children from ages 14 to 17. Kit gave some of the rules that our church would have to follow and also discussed a “Safe Church Policy” that would need to be followed. More discussion followed. Kit was requested to contact Crystal Lake to get a response to additional questions that came up during the discussion.

There was also discussion about resurrecting the KGCS committee to look into updating our current program.

Adam Rustige gave a report from the Social Justice Committee on the parsonage. Concerns about the HUD governance aspects are still on going and the committee feels that the congregation should have a say in how things develop. Much discussion about the inspections for the house,

where is the money coming from to repair or replace what the inspectors find, preschool parent concerns, ETC.

Pastor Eric gave a report on purpose and structure of the Mission Column of St. Lucas UCC. (See attachment)

Pastor Keith mentioned that 2020 is the 140 year anniversary of St. Lucas and noted that we should discuss earmarking funds in the budget for a celebration.

He also gave a report on Lana's retiring and how a new interim is willing to help out until we can find a replacement for to take Lana's place. A senior from Webster University is willing to fill in at present time.

We are in need of temporary help with pastoral care since the retirement of Pastor Carol. Kelly Archer has said she would be happy to fill in this need until the search committee finds a replacement for Pastor Carol. Hours should be between 10 to 15 hours per week.

A copy of Pastor Keith's report is attached.

A discussion about the Contemporary Worship service was held with regard to next steps to understand how St. Lucas would to move forward with this service and/or a form of. Pastor Eric discussed preparing a survey for the Congregation to complete to make sure we have a unified approach.

On the Consent Agenda, Paul Simons had a couple of changes to make to the Council Meeting Minutes from January, so the Council did not approve them until Shannon Givens has a chance to make the changes and then we will approve them after they get posted to the March Consent Agenda.

Steve Sobo had a lot of information on the Governance Opportunities, Strategic Plan, Core Values of the Church that he passed out and wanted to discuss at our next council meeting as we had several people absent.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Paul Simons and seconded by Mary Ellen Cox at 7:55 p.m. unanimously approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

