

St. Lucas United Church of Christ  
Church Council  
July 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Paul Simons, Council President.

Attending: Barb Beck, Russ Cottle, Shannon Givens, Julie Hubbell, Cynthia Rosfield, Paul Simons, Steve Sobo, Pat Stephens, John Weber, Pastor Keith

Thanks to Carol Stelmach for sharing a prayer which Paul read.

Paul reviewed the Consent Agenda for the July 25, 2017 meeting, previously sent to Council members and available in the Council packet on the St. Lucas UCC website. There were no additions or deletions noted. John Weber asked for clarification of the \$10,000 figure included in the total of the capital campaign numbers and Paul noted that was the \$10,000 grant from the Rott Foundation. Accordingly, after the clarification, the items in the consent agenda were adopted.

### **Pastor Keith's Report**

Pastor Keith reported his summer conversation series "Your Story Matters," continues with two more sessions in August.

He reported that Kelly Archer, an Eden Seminary student, will begin her student internship at St. Lucas UCC, the first week in September and ending the week of December 11. She will be working eight to ten hours per week. The first week, a learning contract will be developed with goals she has for this experience and for staff to outline how she will experience ministry at St. Lucas and determine her work schedule which will include study/preparation and the weekend's worship experience.

He noted the website redevelopment continues with Megan and the Website Committee working to re-develop the St. Lucas website as they move to a new platform.

Pastor Keith will "swap" pulpits with Dr. Terrell Carter, Pastor at Webster Groves Baptist Church on September 24. He will preach at 9 and 11 and Keith will preach at 11 at Webster Groves and on Saturday evening at St. Lucas. Pastor Carter will be available during coffee hour to dialogue with members about his artwork which will be on display.

Pastor Keith presented ongoing staff discussion of the upcoming Christmas worship schedule. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday in 2017 and he asked for Council input and discussion. Different schedules and ideas were discussed and varied opinions shared about family traditions and meeting the needs of our congregation. After consideration, consensus of the Council was to have a traditional family service with communion at 10 am on Sunday, December 24 (the combination of Saturday, 9 am and 11 am) and continue the regular Christmas Eve services at 9 pm and 11 pm. Christmas Day service will be at 10 am. The regular 5 pm worship service will be held on Saturday, December 30 and on Sunday, December 31, there will be one service at 10 am (combining 9 and 11).

The Diversity Committee is meeting the second and fourth Mondays of the month, developing the process for moving forward which includes congregational involvement.

## **Old Business**

### **Membership & Evangelism**

Cynthia reported that new members will be joining on August 19/20. She invited the Council to a new member meeting on Tuesday evening, August 1 at 7 pm. M&E will be hosting a cook-out at Crestwood Park with 30 +/- for discussion about what M&E can do to attract young families and young adults to St. Lucas UCC.

She noted that the pictures of new members are being put in a booklet for sharing. She will follow up as the information is available.

Thanks to Cynthia for taking and displaying the photos of Council members!

### **Building & Grounds**

John reported that the chiller has been installed for the social hall and the new HVAC for the sanctuary should be up and running by August. The contract has been approved for the security system and installation is expected by mid-September.

Steve asked about the air conditioning in the crib room on Sunday morning not being on. John will check on the issue and report back. John also noted that the benches for Children's Ministries will be installed soon.

Pastor Keith reported that the St. Lucas UCC Free Pantry and Lending Library will be up and running. Kudos to Margie Kohl, Cheryl Wilcutt, Dannie Burke, and Lanny Wingbermuehle for spearheading this effort and making it happen.

The Community dinner on Sunday evening, July 23, served about 18 people and carry-outs, with good volunteer participation by members of the congregation. Two Sunset Hills policeman joined the group for dinner and shared their ideas about promoting the event. The next dinner is scheduled for August 27, 2017.

## **New Business**

Paul reminded Council members to check the cloth bag in the money drawer and include with the offering in the bag for the bank, as it may have checks or cash from during the week

Shannon Givens and John Weber volunteered for Saturday, July 29 offering.

### **Nominating Committee**

Paul discussed the Nominating Committee for the 2018 Council, PET, Pre-School Board, Cemetery Board, and Lay Delegates. He asked for a Council volunteer to work with a member of each organization to recruit members of the congregation. He will be contacting the other Boards for a volunteer to help with the recruiting. He noted Council will need three volunteers to fill vacancies and he has one volunteer. The Council talked about some of the ideas we've been working to streamline Council meetings with the consent agenda and other ways to keep the Council job manageable.

### **Governance Issues**

Paul reminded the Council that work continues on governance planning and he expects to be presenting information for discussion and action.

### **Dates to Remember**

August 5/6	9 am	Mission Trip Celebration with Youth leading worship and serving communion
	11:45	Mission Trip Lunch
August 17	7 pm	Cabinet Meeting
August 22	6 pm	Council Meeting

A motion was made by Cynthia Rosfeld to adjourn the July 25, 2017 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by John Weber and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Stephens, Secretary