

St. Lucas United Church of Christ
Church Council September 25, 2018
Meeting Minutes (updated version)

Attendees: Barb Beck, Mike Bohn, Russ Cottle, Shannon Givens, Rev. Keith Herron, Bill Linnenbringer, Cynthia Rosfeld, Paul Simons, Steve Sobo

Absent: Mary Ellen Cox, Julie Hubble, Bill Lowry

Opening Prayer : Submitted by Julie

Consent Agenda

- Documents from St. Lucas Web Site Council Packet
 - August Council Minutes

No objections, Consent Agenda items adopted as presented.

- Financial Reports- August 2018- Presented by Bill Linnenbringer - budget for 2019 will be presented at October meeting for Council review/approval.

Discussion Agenda

- Reports from Staff and Ministry Teams
 - Staff Report- Pastor Keith The Pastor Search Committee has announced that they have identified Kelly Archer as their candidate for the Pastor of Congregational Life upon the completion of her MDiv at Eden plus her authorization for ministry in the UCC through the St. Louis Association of the Missouri-South Conference. If all goes as planned, she will be presented sometime in May or June 2019
 - Contemporary Service Discussion - Pastor Keith Have used a different format the past two weeks, working on more of blended style of music, making worship more relational, opening up sense of community, etc. Would like to eventually include families with children, and have something for children to do.
 - Music Director Search Update - Pastor Keith The Music Director Search Committee has resumed their search for a new music director; Seth Carruthers is currently serving as our Interim Music Director, consensus he is doing a great job.
 - Communion experimented in offering non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten free bread in an effort to be more open and welcoming to all persons that may have addiction and or dietary concerns. May continue this trend to see how it goes.
 - Blessing of the Pets, not sure if will be able to occur, unclear if have enough support to have event, decision will be made
- Committee Reports

- Caring Ministry
- Memorial Committee Minutes- Barb reported benches in Narthex have tears and rips in the cushions, replacing the cushions has been researched. Vote to accept proposed repair of bench cushions: Motion Bill Linnenbringer Second Cynthia, no objections, approved. Barb will notify committee of approval
- Buildings and Ground
 - Update on ADA “Lift” project- Bill Lowry absent
 - Cynthia brought up concern regarding carpet in elevator she will contact Pam to discuss how it can be repaired.
- Other
 - SJ Committee Workshop tomorrow night- Steve shared meeting format, expected discussion with 20 people of varying beliefs.
 - Nominating Committee Representative- Russ will be Council Chairman and will work to organize a committee to begin recruitment of new Council Members.
 - Memorial Committee Opportunity
 - Annual Meeting - November 11 at 11am
 - Meeting Prep Update- Steve is still collecting “wins” from each committee to be presented during the meeting.
 - Stewardship Update
 - Envelopes for Benevolence- Bill Linnenbringer & Steve provided information about plans for use of envelopes and monthly benevolences.
 - Update on Stewardship Research of donations
 - Ongoing Governance Changes Discussion
 - Core Value Leaders
- Adjournment with the Lord’s Prayer

Dates to Remember

October 6-7 World Communion Weekend - all services

November 3-4 Communion

November 11 Annual Meeting