

ST LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2019

Attendees: Gregg Heutel, Cynthia Rosfeld, Don Lang, David Johnston, Bill Lowry, Jill Meyer, Debbie Ball, Randy Jurgensen, Bill Linnenbringer, Barb Beck, Rev Eric Moeller.

Absent: Russ Cottle and Mike Bohn.

Opening Prayer by Don Lang.

Consent Agenda. There were no objections to any of the documents included, therefore all were accepted as presented.

Sr. Pastor Report: Pastor Eric reported that he and Kelly had gotten a good response to Easter and Lenten services. Eric and Kelly said they had a good meeting with Rev. Mize when he was in town. Megan's son was hospitalized with RSV, but was discharged on 4-23. Karen Papin had also been hospitalized for a Pacemaker replacement.

Building and Grounds: A wish list of items was discussed, but all items are on hold until there is money available. The renderings for the lift vs. the ramp are being worked on.

Church and Ministry: The employee manual is being worked on by Trina and Randy. The current manual is in effect until the end of the year. Bill Linnenbringer suggested that Church and Ministry post minutes to council with any sensitive issues deleted.

Rev Ander's Church Vitality Seminar currently has about 25 people signed up. This will be held May 4, 2019 at 9 am until 12 noon.

Conference Exit Interview: Some council members met with Keith Kareau and David Gerth from the Mid-South conference. There was an airing of opinions and general information exchange.

Kelly Archer Candidating Weekend: A Meet and Greet reception will be held between services on Mother's Day. Barb Beck will handle ballots and sign in sheets for the voting after each service on Candidating weekend which will be May 18, 19,2019.

Meeting with Rev. Mize for the Interim Minister position: We feel we had a very productive 1 1/2 day visit with Rev. Mize. We discussed salary and financial issues with him. He also offered some suggestions to help us to heal.

Past Presidents Meeting: The agenda and summary of this meeting was prepared by Myles Meyer and sent to council members. The general consensus was that it was a very positive meeting, with a broad spectrum of opinions expressed, and everyone was very respectful.

Informational meeting May 1, 2019: Chris Gumper has been communicating with Jim Barnes and Mark Feitz, known steeplejackers. He has also been communicating with some church members encouraging them to join him in forcing the church to leave the UCC. The format for the informational meeting is set up. Randy made a motion that council approve the announcement and holding of the informational meeting to allow the congregation to speak of the issue. This was seconded by Cynthia and passed unanimously. A memo will be sent out to the congregation tomorrow.

Don Lang discussed our financial status. He stressed the need to reduce expenses and revealed some possible steps to be taken to accomplish this. We need to inform the church of our financial status. Randy was encouraged by council to make a presentation at the beginning of church the following weekend. We discussed some ways to increase giving and participation. A motion was made to table action on the 11 am service until September. Debbie seconded the motion. There were 5 yes votes and 3 no votes---the motion passed.

Kit is helping to set up a meeting with youth parents and council on April 29 at 7 pm. This is to allow council to hear of this groups concerns.

The annual meeting is set for May 20 at 7 pm. An agenda is being worked on.

We discussed the money we would need to bring Rev Mize here. Don and Bill Linnenbringer will have a discussion with Rev Mize..

As is St. Lucas tradition, we closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Barb Beck