



**Church Council Meeting
June 20, 2017**

Present: Pastor Carl Wilfrid, Pastor Leslie Welton, Pastor Jon Haug, Gwynnae Byrd, Lisa Berg, Peter Brostrom, Karen Harris, Bob Huckfeldt, Dean Petersen, Lisa Gardiner, Charlaine Hamilton

Absent: Pastor Frank Espegren, Diane White, Karen Ross, Nick Zylstra, Ted Norris, Vicki Ibarra

Topics:

1. **Call to Order @ 7:06 pm** - **Gwynnae Byrd**
2. **Opening Devotions** - **Pastor Carl**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
M/Dean Petersen S/PeterBrostrom to approve the May 16, 2017 minutes. Motion passed 100% approval.
4. **Financial Report** - **Ted Norris**
Ted Norris was unable to attend meeting. Report will follow at a later date.
5. **Director of Resources & Administration Report** - **Gwynnae Byrd on behalf of Diane White**
 - **Personnel**
 - Increased one property staff employee's weekly hours from 20 to 25 hours per week. Released from their position one property staff employee
 - **Sesquicentennial Planning**
 - To coordinate the array of activities associated with the sesquicentennial events a meeting was held with Pastor Leslie, Pastor Carl, Bea and Gregory Favre, Rebekah Turnbaugh, Steve Russell, and Rachel Marie Paquin.
 - The budget for these events remains a concern, as the congregation approved \$17,200.00 for 2017, but only \$5,000 remains in this fund. Working on costing out all remaining expenses so that we can strategize about how to stay within this budget.
 - Lighting for the windows came to \$19,481.54. This additional expense was never budgeted.
 - **Communications Planning**
 - The Communications Committee met and brainstormed ideas for an external communications plan.
 - Next steps:
 - a. Analyzing survey data
 - b. Analyze topics features in major publications from the last year
 - c. Prep for the upcoming communications forum
 - **Finance and Budget**
 - Kat LaTurneau and Diane White will begin working in July on refining income and expense categories so that we can more effectively track budgets, particularly more designated sub-funds.
 - Cash Flow – The windows expenses were paid out of the general fund, which significantly impacted the general fund. We have also had a number of other expenses come up, such as a necessary technology services to upgrade. We will have to be vigilant about expenditures through the

remainder of the year and we have to commit to creating liability or designated funds for special projects or programs.

- Cutting Expenses – We are examining ways to cut expense. All requested purchases and expenditures now require prior approval and Diane White will review all invoices prior to payment.

6. Pastors Reports

- Pastors Carl, Jon, Leslie

Pastor Carl

- In 13 weeks;
 - Led worship 13 times
 - Prepared and preached 4 sermons
 - Taught 6 classes
 - Made 10 shut-in visits (holy communion)
 - Officiated/helped at 4 funerals
 - Met weekly with Diane White, Pastors Leslie and Jon, Parish Nurses, worship planners
 - Met regularly with Gwynnae, staff, Directors
- Found time to have been a refreshing and growth-producing period for staff and leaders
- Last day with congregation, July 17th. Expressed how grateful he was to have been given this opportunity. It has been fun and he enjoyed working with and getting to know so many capable, high quality people. St. John's is blessed with strong staff and lay leaders, and was his pleasure to support us for this brief time.

Pastor Jon

- Discussion around developing a live stream for different aspects of services. Pastor Jon will do additional research.
- Summertime included Youth and Family Ministry, Vacation Bible School, Western State Gathering, Shalom/Confirmation Camp.
- Parish Nurses and Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator had a 3 day planning retreat with Pastor Jon focusing on vision of Congregational Care and Youth and Family Ministry.
- Small Groups – continuing to focus on creating a vision or plan for this group. Rebekah Turnbaugh is assisting with project.

Pastor Leslie

- Upcoming annual camping adventure with the family group at Sugar Pine reservoir.
- Adult education taking break for June and will resume in July.
- Day of Service Sunday set for September 10th. Looking for ideas on how to reach out to broader community.
- Food closet is seeing a lot of traffic. Established hours to encourage people to use other resources in community. Ruby Lindgren, our high school intern who assisted in this area has graduated and is no longer available. We have a few other volunteers for summer
- Assisting minister group has grown by two new faces.
- Discussion's being held around reviewing property for ADA access. Consideration on moving the small altar to floor level on days assisting ministers are unable to get up to altar level.

7. Old Business

- Gwynnae Byrd

- Church Council Retreat – Set for Friday, September 8th 9:00am – 4:00pm

8. New Business

- Gwynnae Byrd

- Announcements
 - 500th Anniversary – New movie of the Reformation
Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World

Pastor Leslie Welton will be looking at options for showing.

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- Downtown Sacramento Streetcar
St. John's has two pieces of property downtown so had two city votes regarding a special tax to establish a street car system. The cost to St. John's would be a minimum of \$10,000 yearly. Gwynnae Byrd cast two no votes based upon executive committee discussions.
- Established a Bylaws and Constitution Review Committee.
Committee has 2 council members (Bob Huckfeldt and Dean Petersen) and one outside member Pastor Leslie Welton. They have not been updated in 10 years.
- Council Member Committee Liaisons (All)
All council members will be required to serve as a liaison on one of the church's established committees. Gwynnae Byrd is creating list of committees and then each committee and then will be establish liaisons.
- Celebration BBQ August 5th. Request for bring your own alcohol approved.
Motion: Approve people bringing their own alcohol for BBQ –August 5, 2017 event.
M/Bob Huckfeldt and S/Peter Brostrom. Motion passed 100% approval.

Adjourned at 9:07 pm

Next scheduled meeting July 18th, 2017@ 7:00 pm pending notice from Gwynnae Byrd.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Harris