

UCC Church Council Agenda
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018
7 to 9 p.m.

Present: Scott Richardson, Moderator, Debra Erhert Miller, Vice Moderator , Lynne Pederson, Clerk, Beth Kallestad, Nancy Johnson-Maloney Pastor Todd Smith Lippert, Phil Kasten,

Absent: Matt Forster, Treasurer

New council members present: Tom Gagnon, Treasurer, Sam Steinberg.

1. Welcome, Check-in, Opening Prayer
Everyone shared happenings from the month. Pastor Todd led us in prayer to open the meeting.
2. Agenda Approval (7:10 p.m.)
Lynne/Debra moved to approve. Motion approved
3. Consent Agenda (7:15 p.m.)
Minutes from December, 2017
Minutes from other governance committees, as available
Minister's Report
Phil/Beth moved to approve. Motion approved
4. Action (7:20 p.m.)
 - A. Choose Council Member to Nominations Committee
Beth/Nancy moved that Nancy serve on the committee. Motion approved.
5. Update (7:30 p.m.)
 - A. Wright Property Transfer
Property sale is not finalized as yet. Sale will be approximately \$106,000. A Council resolution was passed at a previous meeting to approve the sale. When finalized, Trustees recommend that the money will initially be placed into the intermediate reserves and eventually moved into the long term reserve.
 - B. Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 after the church service. Minutes from the last meeting will be approved. Todd will give a "state of the church" report. Scott will talk about the Priorities, Shared ministry, Isaiah and OWL programs. The 2018 budget will be approved. Nominations for new committee members will be approved.
6. Discussion (7:45 p.m.)
 - A. Review 2016-2019 Priorities
Objectives were added to the Priorities in 2017 that have guided Pastor Todd's and Council's work.

1. Spiritual growth for all ages.
Adult formation – formed Connect groups. Youth formation – recognized that additional staff is needed to grow that program. Funding is now available. Pastor Todd and Abby are discussing how to structure the new staff and program. Youth ministry is linked with ministry to families and children. Connecting with families is a key to the success of program. Pastor Todd and Abby are identifying the needs and outcomes to be met. Pastor Todd is also exploring what other churches are doing in this area to help develop guidelines for the program.
 2. Social justice - extending the church outreach. 2017 Sanctuary work was added to social justice work. Northfield is at the core of Isaiah work. Pastor Todd is one of the leaders (president of the board) of the Greater Minnesota work. This group is registered as a 50c4. The purpose of Faith in Minnesota group is to do advocacy work. A goal is to involve more local non-partisan influence regarding issues; become more intentional in influencing local people to run in political races. The group is committed to and involved with community issues; UCC will be seen as the convener of the group.
 3. Stewardship. Keep the capital plan going; keep the stability going. Grow the stewardship per household. Gathering new ideas for fall campaign.
 4. Exploring people growth, energy.....Being intentional on where we want to go.....what is expected for growth? What is the membership potential? Take into account the trends and changes in the wider UCC.
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7. Adjourn
Beth/Phil motioned to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 20, 2018