

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Church Council

Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ

Vision

To be a welcoming community where all God's Children may find meaning and purpose in Jesus Christ.

Values

Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

24 January 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Neil Hough, Sr. Pastor
Grace Han, Assoc Pastor
Amy Chan, Chair
John Alexander, Vice Chair
Susan Ericksen, Member at Large
Jim King, Member at Large
Gary Strohm, Vice Chair Trustees
Bob Hull, Laymember to Annual Conference
Bill Moberly, Assoc Pastor
Karen Chevalier, Lay Leader
Angela Culbertson, SPRC Chair
Amanda Hill, UMW Co-President
Ann Donnelly, UMW Co-President
Beth Lanthier, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Lyle Minder, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Rudy Ehrenberg, Finance
Charlie Oppenheim, Member at Large
Susan Ely, Member at Large
Tom Hains, Welcoming and Evangelism
Louisa Gerber, WDS Chair
Carolyn Andrukonis, Lay Leader
Darold Plate, Member at Large
Brad Oswald, Trustees
Keith Roberatory, Member at Large

Council Listing Correction: Carolyn Andrukonis's email is ...@[gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.andrukonis@gmail.com), not ...@Verizon.net.

Welcome & Introductions: Amy

Devotional & Opening Prayer: Neil

Playground Structure: Louisa

WDS was able to purchase a new playground structure with help of Children's Council and Trustees. It will be 2-12yo multi-use structure. \$25k structure. 50% deposit in December came from Advent fundraising. Trustees will pay \$7k for installation. WDS will pay for structure using funds raised plus

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reserve fund. Freight (\$1.3k). WDS also paying for mulch that will be added to bring to required depth beneath the structure. Delivery this spring pending the manufacturing.

2018 Calendar: Amy

Normally meet the 4th Wednesday of every month. Two potential conflicts.

March 28th, Holy Week & FCPS Spring Break. May moved to week before or cancel. Stay tuned.

Dec 26th, Christmas Week.

Pastor Comments: Neil

Refer to written council highlights for vital statics measuring the health of the church.

The people who have been somehow impacted by St. Matthews would fill the Verizon Center twice.

Lent starts on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fool's Day. It is coming quickly.

Recommending the book, **Membership to Discipleship: Growing Mature Disciples Who Make Disciples** by Philip Maynard.

<https://www.amazon.com/Membership-Discipleship-Growing-Mature-Disciples-ebook/dp/B01IFMPDJC>

Council agreed that we will all try to read the book in the near future. Neil requested people to let him know if they want the church to purchase a copy for them.

Conference Web Site: EVC (Equipping Vital Conversations) page has the statistics visible for all churches. <http://www.evc.vaumc.org/home/>

Welcoming Director Position: Grace

The position is currently vacant. There has been a bit of turnover in the past few years. Legacy of position entails refreshments, greeters, someone at the welcome desk, etc. The recommendation to SPRC to refine position to a Director of Connections. Have the person focus on building connections to new comers and help bring them in. The hospitality side would be handled by volunteers. Hope to post the position publically in a few weeks.

Recommending disbanding Welcoming and Evangelism committee, and replacing it with two volunteer teams filled with volunteers who are interested in doing the work. (Less talk, more action)

A discussion about the way forward occurred. There is more work that needs to be decided. No actions were requested or taken by the council on this issue.

Motion to Nomination of the Vision Alignment Team as a whole: Neil

As listed: John Alexander, Leanne Alonso, Carolyn Andrukonis, Karen Chevalier, Earl Conklin, Beth Lanthier, Boe Workman.

Motion to Accept the UMC Church Council 2018 and Committees roster as a whole: Neil

Motions combined, made, seconded and approved.

2017 Budget: Year End Review

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Written report on the fiscal status of the church reviewed. Church had more income than expense (\$104k surplus). Surplus is a combination of FY2016 surplus, revenue exceeding budget, and expenses less than budget.

Higher income reasons: new members, increase commitments, and higher rates of actual giving. Expenses came in lower than expected. SPRC spend less than they expected due to position vacancies.

Reports -

Finance: Nothing more.

SPRC: Working on Director of Connections job description.

Trustees: Refer to written highlights. Take note of refrigerator issues.

Highlights: Refer to the submitted reports.

Other Business

Scouting (Keith Robertory): St. Matthews has re-chartered two Troops. BSA is adjusting their program to allow both genders. More information on the program changes can be viewed at scouting.org.

Senior Seminar (Bill Moberly): 17 Feb. All are welcome to talk to a CPA, Lawyer and Financial Planner in an upcoming session

Joys & Concerns

Jim Williams Internment: 12 March

Gerald Ung service is tomorrow. He had a rare form of cancer that took his life.

Nancy Minter finished her therapy. They thank everyone for their support.

Flu is going around. A lot of folks are up/down. Keep folks in your prayers.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: 28 Feb 2018

Amendment to the Dec 2017 minutes:

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