

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

4th Wednesday Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

Attendees

Neil Hough, Sr. Pastor
Amy Chan, Chair
Grace Han, Assoc Pastor
Susan Ericksen, Member at Large
Lyle Minder, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Brad Oswalt, Trustees
Andrew Gay, Children's Council
Gail Kreider, visitor
Bill Moberly, Assoc Pastor
Jim King, Member at Large
Angela Culbertson, SPRC Chair
Louisa Gerber, WDS Chair
Bruce Thomas
Beth Lanthier, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Rudy Ehrenberg, Finance
Charlie Oppenheim, Member at Large
Karen Chevalier, Lay Leader
Todd Creekman, Treasurer
Amanda Hill, UMW Co-President
Ann Donnelly, UMW Co-President
Keith Robertory, Member at Large

Welcome & Introductions Amy
Welcomed

Opening Prayer Neil
Opened

Approval of January Minutes Amy
Approved

2018 Calendar & Featured Committee Sign-up Amy
No meeting in March.
Keith presented on Scouting at St. Matthews.

NLI Vision Alignment Team Neil

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Last Council meeting the VAT was approved. Met twice since that time to discuss what God's vision is for St. Matthews UMC. Will be meeting again on March 18. The process is moving forward. No news to report yet.

Other NLI tasks are being worked on. Signage in the church is being reviewed by the Trustees. There is room to make the church more navigable.

NLI information will be shared in a variety of forums so Sunday can be kept focused on worship. Keep an eye out and suggest ways to reach the memberships.

Comments from the Pastor Neil

Financial Peace Univ is being offered. Highly recommended program. Neil offered this at the past church he served. Neil has seen it work.

Some committees are reading "Membership to Discipleship". Phil Maynard will be in town conducting a workshop. Neil and Grace are attending. Others are invited.

About 700 people are signed up for emails that go out twice a week. The system used shows that about 50% are opened and read.

Hypothermia workshop supported about 45 guests through about 140 members doing different actions. Tentatively put the same date on the FACETS calendar for next year.

Refer to written comments for upcoming dates.

Wednesdays on the lawn will start soon. Groups should sign up for one of the six Wednesdays.

Stewardship & Finance Update Neil / Rudy

Still receiving estimates of giving. To date have received 242 estimates \$980k. 92 increased their pledge. 56 decreased their pledge. 24 new pledges that didn't pledge last year (about half moved). This is down from prior years, both in quantity (260 pledges) and dollar amount (\$1.038MM). We're about \$19k short from the 2018 Budget.

Ended 2017 with a surplus of \$104k. Significantly due to people giving more than pledged.

Text-to-Give has been successful. It works well for spontaneous giving.

Interest rates aren't too good right now but the future looks consistent. Some extra funds may be moved to investments to earn interest.

Finance Rudy/Todd

Additional details in meeting highlights.

SPRC Angela

Recruiting for Director of Connections Ministry.

Trustees Brad

Replacing the weekday school door leading to the playground. Working with contractors to determine what needs to be done.

Replacing the doors and frames in the downstairs entrance to the adult wing.

Refrigerators stopped working the Friday before hypothermia workshop. The plan is to replace the refrigerators (2). The freezer is repaired and replacement is deferred.

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Playground equipment is in.

Neil recognized and thanked the Trustees do a lot of work to get prepared for hypothermia night.

Trustees working to get blueprints to update the paperwork at the county to keep the WDS's license current. The county is pushing updating their own files which means St. Matthews needs to update the paperwork.

Other Highlights

UMM: Christmas Tree sales funded ASP, JSP, Venture Scouts, Swaziland, Fall Kick Off and others.

Joys and Concerns

Shared.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Closed.