

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church  
Church Council

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4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Meeting Minutes

Date – June 27, 2018 Time - 7:32 PM

**Attendees**

Rudy Ehrenberg  
Earl Conklin  
Karen Chevalier  
Angela Culbertson  
Nickie Moreno Howard  
Lori Taylor  
Susan Ericksen  
Susan Adams  
Bob Hull  
Chris Ligon  
Amanda Hill  
Brad Oswalt  
Louisa Gerber  
Neil Hough  
Amy Chai  
Susan Ely  
John Alexander

- Council will not meet in July
- Nikki's first day at St. Matthews
- May minutes approved
- **Bob Hull** - update on Annual conference
  - Over 3,000 delegates, well attended
  - St. Matthews had 3 lay delegates representing
  - Large discussion around the LGBT movement and position within the church
    - Preparing for a special general conference to discuss this issue specifically and determine how the Methodist church will move forward
    - On the evening of Aug 8 at St. George UMC will have a session on this topic, open to all
  - Link to the General Conference can be found online

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- **Earl Conklin-** update from the Vision Alignment Team
  - Group has been meeting since Feb 2018
  - Goal and purpose is to ensure the church is all "pulling in the same direction" and has a vision, mission, values, and purpose that reflects St. Matthew's as a whole
  - Focus on discipleship will be emphasized
  - Hopes to bring material to church council for review and official action in the early Fall
  - ***Looking for 2 - 3 members from church council to join the Vision Alignment Team to help discern the key values of the church***
- NLI communication update going out this week
- Neil recommends reading the book *Anatomy of Peace*
- Update from the Finance Committee
  - Mid-year report put forward to the council for review
  - Overall, the church is in a good financial position. Cash and no debt
  - Capital expenditure high due to maintenance needs, higher budget required in the next 3 - 5 years for larger maintenance items
  - SPRC on plan to budget
  - 2018 budget, concern over revenue, however cash reserves and prior year budget surpluses protect any deltas
  - Budget requests are out to staff and committee chairs for inputs back to finance
- **Brad Oswalt** -Trustees update
  - Sidewalk updates - all new concrete is in and should last much longer than the previous concrete
  - New exterior doors - will be installed in the next couple of weeks
  - Trustees would like to add surveillance cameras around the facility to improve security around the church and in the common area to be viewed by people in the office. This would allow people to be more aware of who is entering the church and walking around. Brad is looking to move forward with more research on a possible technical solution.
- Weekday school licensing
  - Might need to reduce the number of registered kids (under 60) in order to be compliant if this issue cannot be resolved
  - A path forward to solve this issue is still in work and there is uncertainty in when or how this will be resolved
  - Requests that the Sunday School and Trustees work together
  - A request was made to have a special briefing to council in August as well as provide regular updates