

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

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

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Present: Neil Hough, Senior Pastor; Nickie Moreno-Howard, Associate Pastor; Amy Chai, Council Chair; John Alexander, Council Vice-Chair; Bill Culbertson, Finance; Ann Donnelly, UMW; Susan Ericksen, Jim King, and Charlie Oppenheim, Members-at-Large; Andrew Gay, Children's Council; Louisa Gerber, Weekday School; Beth Lanthier and Lyle Minter (minutes), Lay Members of Annual Conference; Chris Ligon, Discipleship; Brad Oswalt, Trustees; Bruce Thomas, UMM

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chai at 7:35 p.m. and opened with prayer by Pastor Hough.

Minutes: Partial minutes for August were approved, to be completed later.

Reports for Charge Conference: Paragraph-long reports from 16-17 groups will form the basis of Chai's "State of the Church Report" for St. Matthew's Charge Conference at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Please review your activities for the year and include significant accomplishments in the paragraph you will submit in accordance with guidelines and deadlines to be distributed in an upcoming email.

Featured committee: Youth Council will be featured at a later meeting.

Senior Pastor's Report:

Highlights present a comprehensive report of Rev. Hough's activities.

Fall Service Day is this Sunday at George Mason University—Interfaith Event to be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church which was recently vandalized—General Conference Question and Answer events are ongoing—Children's Sabbath is October 14—Stewardship campaign begins October 21 with Estimate of Giving cards to be distributed on November 4—Lunch with Pastors last Sunday included five families who will be invited to join the PATH class and New Member Sunday on November 18—Charge Conference takes place November 6 at 7:00 pm—NLI updates are being shared with the congregation in several ways.

Please remember that all of us are in the Welcoming business; Welcoming is one of our core values.

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Motion from the Finance Committee and Trustees related to Chiller Funding:

Finance Committee shall transfer up to \$20,000.00 to the Capital Project Reserve account to fund installation of a new chiller for the WDS wing of the building. This transfer would match a recent \$20,000.00 targeted donation in support of the purchase and installation of a new chiller.

The motion was discussed and then was approved with none opposed.

Finance Committee: Proposed 2019 church budget will be ready for discussion at the October Council meeting. The committee is basing its funding proposals on funds that might be available judging from review of a rolling year of actual receipts.

Trustees Committee: See the Highlights for detailed information.

Basement and Playground doors installed—updated WDS Fairfax County occupancy permit applied for—Installation of security cameras inside and outside the front and rear Commons entrances being considered—Parking lot lights will be adjusted to come on at appropriate times—Bids are being solicited to install long-lasting LED lights in the Sanctuary to solve the recurring problem of having to install scaffolding to replace failed bulbs.

Missions: Asking a small group to pack P-3 packs by month. A Sign-Up Genius page will be set up so groups can undertake this activity that will take a small group about two hours to pack 155 P-3 packs.

Weekday School: New school year has started well with full enrollment.

Discipleship: Life Groups held their first meetings this week. There are four groups of adults, parents of teens, and young families/singles, with 43 people enrolled (ten percent of average Sunday attendance). They will initially meet for six weeks and then plan their futures.

Closing: Pastors and members shared joys and concerns and closed with prayer by Pastor Moreno-Howard at 8:35 p.m.