

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

April 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Barb Holdren, Amy Opperman, Tom Brandewie, John Moorman, Kirk Dicke, Erin Topp, and Abby Bushman.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Tom Brandewie and 2nd by Erin Topp, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of March 2021 was reviewed with a motion to accept by Amy Opperman and Tom Brandewie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Mission: No report

Discipleship: No report

Worship: No Report

Finance: No Report

Playground: The dedication is set for June 6th 2021.

Art Camp: Moved to summer of 2022

Deacon's Report: No report.

Elder's Report: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Set clocks and timers to daylight savings time. Over the years, the side rails of steps in the bell tower have bowed outward allowing the steps to come partially out of the notches. I made several tighten rods and pulled the sides back in to keep the steps in the notches. Replaced a caster on a storage box under the stage. Added some wiring for audiovisual system. Control board of boiler number one has failed. New board on order. Talked to more vendors about some steeple shingling. Took recycles to recycle

center. Other small things taken care of as needed

Trustees Report: The spouting around the Sunday School building was looked at and quotes are being obtained. They are gathering estimates and evaluating how best to fix them. Also a bird has been hanging around the Sunday School doors and leaving marks and droppings. John will look into this and take care of it.

Abby's Report: The Lord replied "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14) With Pastor Dee taking medical leave, I have been hired part time as the St. Paul UCC Ministry Assistant. Throughout the past few weeks I have helped with weekly church events, Sunday School, youth groups and office projects keeping Pastor Becky, Barb and I on our toes.

I have checked daily emails, filled general Blessing Pantry needs, created invitations for the Sunday School Students Palm Sunday Parading of the confirmands into worship and prepared weekly children's worship packets. Easter Sunday, the Sunday School children enjoyed donuts, milk and apples together in their own classrooms.

I am currently preparing the Mother's Day Children's worship speaking parts and songs. Leading up to the service we will be practicing signing with the Sunday School Students. I have also prepared Senior Recognition postcard invitations as the graduating seniors will be receiving their gifts on behalf of the St. Paul congregation on Sunday, May 9, 2021.

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

April 18. Mike Holdren, Preaching

April 25. Cheyenne Olt, Preaching

May 2. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman, Preaching

May 9. Mother's Day Worship. Youth/Children Leading. Recognition of High School Seniors.

Julia Mullins, Kennedy Topp, FaithAnn Voress, Levi Bushman, Parker Bushman and Hallie Bushman assist me each week in worship by signing the hymns and other songs.

I am now fully immunized against Covid19.

I continue to lead Daily Devotions weekdays at 11:30 a.m. I have eliminated Fridays from that schedule in order to have one day a week off of work. Bible Study is now on break until September.

12 young adults were confirmed into the life of St. Paul Church on March 28

We have hired Lauren Miller to be our SALT Intern this summer. Lauren's first day is Saturday, May 29.

I will take the second half of my sabbatical 2021. April 12-May 2 and June 28-July 18.

Vacation 2021 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends) September 27-October 1. Time with Family in Cleveland and Canton

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program. My group is currently meeting every other week via Zoom. I am also on-call at Joint Township Hospital as an emergency chaplain.

Pastoral Care Documentation. March 9-April 11, 2021

Hospital: 2 Baptism: 3

Notes Written: 389 (seriously!)

Nursing Home Visits: 11

Office Visits: 5 Home Visits: 17

Phone Calls: 33 Cookie Deliveries: 12

Funeral: 2 Home Communion: 15

Coffee Shop Attendees: 12 Wedding: 0

Old Business

Salt Intern- Lauren Miller has accepted and we are excited for her to start.

Copier: Barb talked with our salesman and a couple of different options were discussed (bigger machine for a higher lease amount or 1

smaller additional one to help out) Barb feels that things are getting better with the latest fixes they have done and we may be ok as is for now. We will revisit next meeting to verify everything is still working well.

Council Positions: If you hear of anybody that is interested, please let Becky know.

New Business

Wasp in Sanctuary - Spray: Wasps have been found in the sanctuary recently. John is going to keep a look out and if any more are found, he will contact the exterminator to have them sprayed.

CCLI/CCVI Renewal: These are renewals for the copywrite for hymns and streaming services on Facebook. They offer a plus service for an additional fee and it was discussed whether we needed this or not. It was decided to renew the license we currently have and if more is needed we can look into purchasing more.

National Child Safety Donation: We have been invited by our local police department to donate to their program. We have donated \$50 in the past and it was decided to keep the donation amount the same for this year.

Rev. Becky Benefit Change: Jim is now currently working at Write State so he will no longer need the insurance coverage. The arrangements of getting this changed is currently getting worked out.

Weeding: One of our local girl scout troops has stepped up and volunteered to do the weeding around the church for us.

Announcements: Next meeting – May 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Amy Opperman, Secretary

Roland Dicke, President