

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting-August 10th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Barb Holdren, Amy Opperman, Tom Brandewie, John Mohrman, Erin Topp, Myra Hanenkraft, Diane Gilberg, Kirk Dicke, Tracy Oldiges, and Becky Strang
Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Myra Hanenkraft and 2nd by Tom Brandewie, minutes approved.

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

Committee Reports

Mission: \$3,400 was raised and \$1000 was donated to the backpack plus program and the remaining amount was donated to Camp Washington.

Discipleship: No report

Worship: Looking to start Saturday services soon and starting out at having them once per month.

Finance: No Report

Art Camp: will resume 2022.

Deacon's Report: No report.

Elder's Report: No report.

Stewardship: No report

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Replaced ladies room of touchless faucet and under sink shutoff valves in educational building. Replaced leaking spud connection on the handicapped toilet in the men's room in the educational building. Refastened one corner of the theater on the east side of the church. Joe McGovern has a drone and took photos of the gutters of the church and parsonage. Will use photos for new figure out what spouting needs to be cleaned. No charge. Collecting information for updating our wheelchair lift and the handicap accessibility of the buildings. Working with Jim Strang to centralize art technology communications. We will have a main hub in the educational building and a secondary hub in the sanctuary. This will include are streaming technologies. The main sewer drain in the sanctuary is starting to leak in several spots. I had New Knoxville Supply look at it. It needs completely replaced. Getting a quote to have it fixed. Sanctuary hot water heater is leaking and needs replaced. Hot water is currently turned off in sanctuary. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Trustees Report: Continuing spraying weeds around the property

Abby's Report: No report

Pastor Becky's Report:

Pacing Myself Moving Forward

I need to reign in my hours. No more Monday evening meetings

On evening meeting nights, leave office no later than 2:30 p.m.

Guest preachers once a month—even when I am not on vacation

Bible Studies & Book Club: Use Zoom Room technology

Daily Devotions: recruit laypeople to lead/record in advance

*What I have realized since I shared this with the Leadership Team and the Discipleship Team is that this cuts hours, but not actual workload.

Worship

August 22. Jenn Snider, Preaching

September 5. Sam Simon, Preaching

September 11/12. Kick-Off Weekend. Bible Presentations

September 18/19. The Rev. John Dorhauer—President and General Minister of the UCC, Preaching.

October 2/3 World Communion Weekend/Saturday worship discussion/decision

October 17. Children's Worship

November 14. Stewardship Sunday. Veterans' Recognition

November 21. Christ the King Sunday. Bryan Trego, Preaching

November 28. First Sunday of Advent. Rev. Dan Busch, Preaching

December 5. Second Sunday of Advent. Congregational Meeting

December 12. Third Sunday of Advent. Children's Christmas Worship

December 19. Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Music Worship

Friday December 24. Christmas Eve

Worship Music Program beginning in September

Jim Strang, Music Director

Cheyenne Olt, Accompanist for songs and choir

Tim Olt, Chancel Choir Director

Jim Strang, Bell Choir Director

Tentative Plan: First Sunday of Month: Bell Choir

Second and Fourth Sunday of the Month: Chancel Choir

Third Sunday of the Month: Special Music and Sign Language Songs

Confirmation: I meet with confirmation parents and students this coming Sunday after worship. I'm rewriting all of the lessons for this coming year. Jeff Paul, Lisa Weigandt and Shelly Smart will continue to team teach.

Summer Safari Carnival: Let's Reconnect held on Wednesday, July 21 was a tremendous success. We probably fed between 250-300 people.

SALT: Lauren Miller's internship has ended. She did tremendous work for us and will be greatly missed!

St. Paul is hosting a Carrie Newcomer concert on Saturday March 5, 2022

Vacation 2021/2022 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

September 27-October 1. Time with Family in Cleveland and Canton (one week; no weekends)

October 15-22 (One week; one weekend)

November 19-26. (One week; one weekend)

December 25-January 2 (one week; two weekends)

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one weekend

April 19-26. 8 days; one weekend.

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 (July 16-August 9)

Hospital: 1 Baptism: 0 Notes Written: 1 Nursing Home Visits: 13 Office Visits: 14 Home Visits: 12

Phone Calls: 23 Cookie Deliveries: 0 Funeral: 2 Coffee Shop Attendees: 37 Home Communion: 30 Wedding: 0

Old Business

Council Positions: If you hear of anybody that is interested, please let Becky know. Tracy Oldiges has accepted the open position for 2022 for senior deacon.

Nitro-Church Steeple: Contract has been signed and expecting to start in the fall.

Spouting: Trustee's to take a look at a spot that Barb noticed was overflowing after our last big rain storm.

Ramp North Door -Ed Building: Decision was made to make an easier access to the building. The steps will be removed and a ramp put in.

Wheelchair lift: Trustees to discuss what John has found out and discuss his ideas for improvement.

Digital Sign – West side of Ed Building: Ann did some awesome leg work and obtained pictures of local signs and where they were purchased. Turning this over to the trustees to look into pricing.

Bathroom facelift-Ed Building: Getting ideas on how to refresh the bathrooms and give them a little facelift.

New Business

Sanctuary Monitors: The NB Foundation has chosen this project to help fund in the memory of Al and Mary Reed. Working with Fowlers TV to complete this project. Tom Brandewie made the motion to approve this project and Kirk Dicke seconded the motion.

Music Director/Bell Choir Director: Motion was made to hire Jim Strang as the music director and bell choir director by Amy Opperman and was seconded by Myra Hanenkratt.

Intern Position: Due to the success of our SALT summer intern, it was decided to continue this program. A motion was made to approve this extension of this position by Erin Topp and seconded by Tracy Oldiges.

Associate Pastor Resignation: With very sad hearts and deep regrets, the council accepted the resignation from Pastor Dee. The motion was made by Tom Brandewie and seconded by Tracy Oldiges.

Pipe Replacement/Potential Sanctuary Bathroom Renovation: It was recently discovered that the pipes below the sanctuary bathroom are leaking. These will need to be fixed/replaced rather quickly. A suggestion was made to change the women's bathroom to a unisex/handicap bathroom since renovations will already be needed.

Sanctuary Hot Water Heater: It was also recently discovered that the hot water heater located in the sanctuary is also leaking. This will need replaced along with the pipes. John is working on getting quotes for both of these projects.

Announcements: Next meeting – September 14th @ 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