

St. Paul UCC Congregational Meeting

December 5th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke. The following items were up for discussion during the meeting.

- **Opening the meeting:** Motion was made by Tom Quellhorst to open the meeting and seconded by Lloyd Schroer
- **2022 Council Member:** Motion was made by Lori Rindler to accept the members and seconded by Cresta Ritter
- **2022 Budget:** The budget was reviewed and questions answered. Budget passed unanimously

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by John Mohrman and was seconded by Bill Tostrick

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

December 14th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Barb Holdren, Amy Opperman, Tom Brandewie, Lynda Goodwin, Myra Hanenkratt, Diane Gilberg, Tracy Oldiges, Abby Bushman, and Becky Strang

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

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

Team Reports

Mission: No Report.

Discipleship: No report

Worship: Next meeting is Jan. 23rd

Finance: No Report

Art Camp: will resume 2023. Street festival for 2022

Stewardship: No Report

Deacon's Report: No report.

Elder's Report: No report.

Trustees Report: Been doing work around the church

Staff Reports

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Put new heat control valve in church office. Remote door opener installed for south entrance. Drilled a hole in the educational building wall for conduit to connect electric to the new electronic sign being installed. Pulled wire from where the sign will be to a junction box inside the kitchen wall above the air conditioner. Still needs connected to a breaker. Replaced a bad receptacle in the chapel. Roesner Energy performed yearly boiler checks and cleaning. One circulating pump needs replaced. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed

Abby's Report: "A pastor devoted to giving so much, God only knows all the souls that you touch. Committed to serve when you answered God's call, you prove it by being a servant to all." (Matt 25:21) We celebrated Pastor Dee's Affirmation of Ministry Among Us on November 28th during worship. To Pastor Dee, thank you for blessing our church with humble leadership, priestly ministry, and a deep love of the Lord. You have blessed our youth at St. Paul Church in so many ways in your time being with us! The vacancy you'll leave behind can be filled in, the position you had may be held by others, although in our hearts, you're simply irreplaceable!

On December 8th, 18 of our Youth along with Pastor Becky, Abby, Mimi and Jeff enjoyed a Christmas meal and fellowship visiting The Do Good Restaurant, in Osgood. In preparation for this trip our youth made and sold cookies after church services in November. This was a fun service learning project for our youth. The donation money received went to The Do Good's Tip of the month family the restaurant is sponsoring.

Our St. Paul Youth led worship on Sunday, December 12th and presented their Christmas program to the congregation. Thank you to the students, teachers and parents for helping prepare and share their talents with us! Everyone did an excellent job on speaking parts, singing and signing too!

December 19th, Sunday School Youth will meet for the last time in 2021! We will take a holiday break and resume at 9 am on Sunday, January 9th. We will not have Sunday School on Sunday December 26th or January 2nd to enjoy this time with our families. Youth Group for SPLASH and Jr./Sr. High will resume on Wednesday, January 5th. SPLASH will continue to from 5:30pm – 6:30 pm. All youth are invited for dinner at 6:30pm. Change of time for Jr./ Sr. High beginning on January 5th will be from 7:00pm – 8:00 pm. Confirmation students will be with Pastor Becky until 8:30pm as in the past.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from our hearts and family, to yours!

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

*Monitors are now up in the sanctuary. It is taking Jim Strang approximately 3 hours a week to get the slides ready for worship.

Friday December 24. Christmas Eve. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Open House with music, scriptures and communion. 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship with Communion and Candle Light.

December 26. Cheyenne Olt, Preaching

January 2. Rev. Jeanette Tangeman, Preaching

January 9. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Installation of Council Members

January 16. Reception to celebrate the ministry of Anna Louise Hoelscher. Julia Mullins, Preaching

January 30. Tatum Temple, Preaching

My burnout level is high. Very high. Barb and I met with the Rev. Dan Busch, Association Minister, last week to brainstorm ways to move forward.

I have signed up for a continuing ed event: El Camino Way Pilgrimage in Portugal and Spain approximately June 15-July 6. I have used the remainder of 2021's continuing ed money and 2022's continuing ed money. I will pay for the rest of the trip with my own funds.

I am not delivering December home communions. August's five weeks of communions were simply too much. I will set aside Thursday afternoons in 2022 to slowly and steadily deliver communion to our homebound folk.

Confirmation is going exceptionally well.

Art Camp has been put on hold until Summer 2023

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

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

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 has begun meeting in-person combined with our Zoom Room technology. Very handy!

Pastoral Care Documentation (December 13-January 11)

Hospital: 6 Notes Written: 83 Continuing Ed: 1 Nursing Home Visits: 10 Office Visits: 8 Home Visits: 18

Phone Calls: 36 Funeral: 4 Baptism: 1 Coffee Shop Attendees: 24 Home Communion: 0 Wedding: 1

Old Business

Council Positions: If you hear of anybody that is interested, please let Becky or Roland know. We are still needing the Jr. Deacon position filled

Budget: The 2022 Budget was approved at the Congregational meeting by an unanimous vote

Ramp North Door -Ed Building: Still working on it

Wheelchair lift: Automatic doors are working and only a few bugs to work out.

Digital Sign – West side of Ed Building: Work in progress and hoping to be completed soon.

Bathroom facelift-Ed Building: The painting and lights are completed. The molding and mirrors need to be finished yet.

Sanctuary Monitors: Still working with the software we currently have and also looking into another adventure.

New Business

Resignations: We unfortunately received the resignations from Anna Louise Hoelscher, Cheyenne Olt, and Tim Olt. Motion was made to accept these request by Tom Brandewie and seconded by Tracy Oldiges, motion carried.

Chancel Choir Director Hire: Motion was made to hire Jim Strang as the new choir director by Tracy Oldiges and seconded by Diane Gilberg, motion carried.

2022 Project of the Year: We need to start thinking of what our 2022 project of the year will be.

Reimbursement Policy: We reviewed the renewal policy for the reimbursement policy and motion was made to accept by Diane Gilberg. Amy Opperman seconded it and the motion carried.

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

Council Installation – January 9th 2022

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

Amy Opperman, Secretary

Roland Dicke, President