

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

January 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Tom Brandewie, Lynda Ranly, Myra Hanenkratt, Bryan Trego, June Oaks, Kirk Dicke, Lindsay Quellhorst, Abby Bushman, Barb Holdren, and Becky Strang

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lynda Ranly and 2nd by Kirk Dicke, minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report as of December was reviewed with a motion to accept and balance operating fund with PPP loan money by Lynda Ranly and June Oaks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Team Reports

Mission: Will not be holding meetings in 2022

Discipleship: No report

Worship: Next meeting is Jan. 23rd

Finance: No Report

Art Camp: will resume 2023. Street festival for 2022-Abby is checking dates.

Stewardship: Becky has a plan

Deacon's Report: All is well-3 month schedule is done.

Elder's Report: All is well

Trustees Report: Light bulb exploded in sanctuary, will look at fixing.

Staff Reports

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Connected wiring for new sign to breaker box in kitchen. The new sign is not here yet. A new microwave was bought for the kitchen and would not fit right where the old one was so I moved it down to the counter. All heating systems failed and we found out the incoming gas line was leaking. Went without heat for most of a week while new gas line, regulator and meter were installed. The line for the kitchen range still needs reconnected. Parts needed. Took recycles to recycle center. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Abby's Report: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Psalm 118:24

As the New Year dawns, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends! On December 19th, Sunday School Youth enjoyed breakfast pizza, from Speedway Lanes and created Christmas crafts! Thank you to all who helped make our breakfasts in 2021 possible! SPLASH enjoyed an evening of Christmas fellowship with a craft, hot chocolate and cookies, taking a trip to Faith Alliance's Live Nativity. We were amazed to learn that camels live up to 40 years old! A holiday break was enjoyed with family although we're excited to return to youth group Wednesday, January 12th with SPLASH beginning at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm. All youth are invited for dinner at 6:30pm. Change of time for Jr./ Sr. High will be from 7:00pm – 8:00 pm. Confirmation students will be with Pastor Becky until 8:30pm as in the past. Looking ahead at inclement weather policy: whenever local school classes or events are cancelled due to weather, all church classes, activities and events for St. Paul Youth for that day will be cancelled.

- January 17th – Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm
- February 20th - Children's moment at 10:15 a.m worship
- February 21st - Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm
- February 27th –Children's Worship at 10:15 a.m worship
- March 20th - Children's moment at 10:15 a.m worship
- April 18th – Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm (volunteers needed)
- April 24th – Children's Worship at 10:15, Holy Humor Sunday
- May 15th - 2022 Senior and Youth Leader Recognition, 10:15 a.m worship
- May 16th – Community Meal 4:00 pm -6:00 pm

There are many ways to share your gifts and talents with the youth programming! We can always use help with lesson and activity preparation, community meals, clean up and special events too. I would like to Thank everyone for volunteering with love and support of all of our Youth Activities! May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy, and peaceful new year. Blessings and Peace, Abby

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

Worship Team is scheduled for Sunday, January 23 at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve 2021. 317 people online. 79 at 11:00 p.m. worship 86 at Christmas Eve Open House.

January 15. Double Private Baptism at 2:00 p.m.

January 16. Reception to celebrate the ministry of Anna Louise Hoelscher. Julia Mullins, Preaching
Anna Louise Reception-Jill Clem cookies, Lindsay water, June/Myra will man tables

January 30. Tatum Temple, Preaching

February 13. Blessing Pantry Volunteers, Preaching

February 27. Transfiguration Sunday. Children's Worship

March 2. Ash Wednesday

March 6. First Sunday in Lent. Jenn Snider, Preaching

March 13. Second Sunday in Lent. Celebration of the Busy 12

March 20. Third Sunday in Lent. Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister of the United Church of Christ,
Preaching

Letters will go out to potential SALT interns this week. My goal is to have interns selected by the third week of February. We have funding for one intern. I'd like to raise money for a second intern.

Confirmation is going exceptionally well. We have six students. Lisa Weigandt, Shelly Smart and Jeff Paul are our Confirmation Team teachers.

St. Paul is hosting a Carrie Newcomer concert on Saturday March 5, 2022. (See Council Discussion)

Art Camp has been put on hold until Summer 2023. We need to schedule our annual Art Camp-style Street Festival. This year I am raising funds for food trucks rather than asking our volunteers to cook.

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.

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

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: 8 Notes Written: 1033 Continuing Ed: 0 Nursing Home Visits: 12 Office Visits: 2 Home Visits: 8
Phone Calls: 20 Funeral: 1 Baptism: 0 Coffee Shop Attendees: 8 Home Communion: 11 Wedding: 1

Old Business

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, Tom is checking on, hoping to be completed Jan 17th.

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

Wheelchair Lift-exploring cost for new.

New Business

Gas flow-Heat Issue-we were without heat for 9 days, line issues. Vectren replaced meter/NK Supply replaced lines.

OCWM Pledge-motion was made by Lynda Ranly to pledge \$25,000 again in 2022. Tom Brandewie 2nd, motion passed.

Monthly Missions-Mission team presented list of monthly missions for 2022. Kirk Dicke made motion to accept, Bryan Trego 2nd, motion passed.

2022 Project of the Year: Odds and ends that pop up.

Carrie Newcomer Concert Protocol-Concert is Saturday, March 5 in sanctuary. Carrie requires all attending to be masked and proof of vaccination. We will state this on ticket purchase information.

Summer Help-We have money for 2 SALT and Bryan Trego will fill in for Rev Becky this summer when she is away on continuing ed.

Announcements: Next meeting – February 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

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