

St. Paul UCC Council Meeting

December 13th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Roland Dicke with council members including Myra Hanenkraat, Tom Brandewie, Amy Opperman, Lynda Ranly, Tracy Oldiges, John Mohrman, Lindsey Quellhorst, Kirk Dicke, Tim Nevels, Abby Bushman, and Becky Strang.

Secretary's Report: Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved by Lindsey Quellhorst and 2nd by Tracy Oldiges, minutes approved.

December Congregational Meeting: Report was reviewed and approved by Myra Hanenkraat and 2nd by Amy Opperman, minutes approved.

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

Team Reports

Discipleship: Meets again in January 2023.

Worship: Meets again in January 2023

Finance: No Report

Budget: No Report

Stewardship: No Report

Deacon's Report: Looking for new recruits. If you are interested, please let Tracy Oldiges know

Elder's Report: No Report

Trustees Report: No Report

Staff Reports:

Maintenance Report: Performed weekly and monthly preventive maintenance checks. Found brickwork separating on the outside north wall of sanctuary toward the east end. Contacted several vendors for repair quote. Council approved repairs. Replaced powerhead for heat valve in serendipity room. Installed a relay in the library heater so that it would turn the fan on automatically when heat is called for. Found several outside floodlights for the sidewalks on the west side of the educational building not working. Will replace with LED floodlights. Other small things taken care of as needed.

Abby's Report: What is fun about bowling with family and friends? "You can get three strikes, and you're not out!" It was with much laughter and joy "We made the pins fall over" at the family and friends bowling party last month! We will be planning another party in the spring time 2023, all are welcome to join!

What a wonderful time it was to invite family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus, as we worshiped together at the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 11th. Many thanks to our Youth Leaders, pianist and parents for all of their help these past few weeks preparing props and parts! Be sure to catch the youth again, Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 10:15 am.

On December 14th, St. Paul Youth and Youth leaders, enjoyed a Christmas meal and fellowship visiting The Do Good Restaurant, in Osgood. As their mission is to spread God's Word through service and food, and to feed peoples' bodies, minds, and souls; everyone was happy to contribute to The Do Good's Tip of the month family the restaurant was sponsoring.

On December 18th, Sunday School Youth will meet for the last time in 2022! Our youth and leaders will take a holiday break to enjoy family traditions together. Sunday School will resume Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 9 am. Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas from our family to yours! You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers as we move into 2023. Peace and Blessings, Abby

Save the Date for Upcoming Youth Events:

- Sunday, December 18th – Sunday School Christmas Party 9 am
- Wednesday December 21st – January 4th No Youth Group / Sunday School
- Saturday, December 24th- Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day Service at 10:15 am
- Sunday, January 8th – Sunday School resumes at 9 am
- Wednesday, January 11th – Youth Group resumes at 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday, February 19th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
- Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday Service
- Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday, Rite of Confirmation at 10:15 am
- Sunday, April 9th – Easter 10:15 am
- April 16th – Children's Worship at 10:15 am
- May 14th – Senior, Teacher and Youth Leader Recognition

Pastor Becky's Report:

Worship

December 18. Service of Lessons and Carols

December 21. Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m.

December 24. Christmas Eve Open House 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion worship 11:00 p.m.

December 25. Christmas morning worship.

January 7 & 8. Sacrament of Holy Communion. Installation of Council Members

May 21. My last Sunday at St. Paul Church. The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer will preach.

*Worship Team decided to continue to offer Saturday worship services on Communion weekends only.

I am currently on a HUGE home communion blitz to get into as many homes as possible before Christmas.

Confirmation is going very well. We have three students. Jeff Paul, Shelly Smart, and Lisa Weigandt teach on a rotating basis.

Lisa Weigandt has a team of folk organizing St. Paul's 190th Anniversary celebrations for 2023.

Justine Homan is our Nursery Champion. Nursery is now staffed during worship services.

Art Camp Festival 2023 will be Thursday June 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Happy Birthday, St. Paul!

Jim and I have contracted covid19 twice in 2022—the second time was exponentially worse. I will be masking in public settings.

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

Jan 27-February 1. Six days; one Sunday

April 20-25. 6 days; one Sunday

October 14-October 22. 8 days; one Sunday

December 27-January 3 (10 days; one Sunday)

Vacation 2023 (6 weeks' vacation; 6 weekends per year)

March 9-14. Six days; one Sunday

May 22-31. 10 days; one Sunday

I am a facilitator for the Heartland Conference's Excellence in Ministry Program.

Pastoral Care Documentation (November 7-December 12, 2022)

Hospital: 4 Notes Written: 10 Continuing Ed: 0 Nursing Home Visits: 3 Office Visits: 16 Home Visits: 19

Phone Calls: 57 Funerals: 2 Baptism: 1 Coffee Shop Attendees: 27 Home Communion: 30 Wedding: 1

Nursing Home Worship: 0 First Communion: 0

Old Business

One Call: Work in progress

Licensures – Bryan Trego & Dr. Jeff Paul: Continuing to work on this

President/Vice President Term-Constitution Change: Passed at Congregational Meeting.

2023 Operating Fund Budget: Passed at Congregational Meeting.

2023 Council Vice President: Still looking for that special someone to join this fun group! Please let Myra Hanenkratt know if you are interested.

New Business

Sanctuary Brick Repair – Trisco Systems Inc: Due to the urgency and email vote was taken and was unanimously passed to proceed. The contract has been submitted and now just waiting on a beginning date.

Nitro (Weigandt Bill): Nitro paid their portion to fix the landscaping from repairing the roof. There was a portion remaining that the council voted to pay. Lynda Ranly made the motion to go ahead and pay the remaining balance and Tom Brandewie seconded, motion passed.

Minister/Employee Reimbursement Policy Approval: This is a yearly policy that needs reviewed and approved. Lindsey Quellhorst made the motion to approve and Tracy Oldiges seconded, motion passed.

2023 Mission Project of the Year: Mission team is working on this currently – more to come.

Resignations: The council received the resignations from Jim Strang and Mike Holdren. We would like to thank both individuals for all their time and work they have provided and given to this Church. Kirk Dicke made a motion to accept their resignations and Lynda Ranly seconded, motion passed.

Announcements: Next meeting – January 10th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

St. Paul UCC Congregational Meeting

December 4th, 2022

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 John Gilberg and seconded by Jim Mullins. Motion was passed
- **2023 Council Member:** Motion was made by Connie Friemering to accept the members and seconded by Cresta Ritter. Motion was passed
- **2023 Explanation of New Constitutional Change:** Constitutional changes under Article V. Administration:
 - 6. Council members and officers shall be ~~elected~~ **approved** at the Congregational Meeting held in December and installed on the first Sunday in January.
 - 7. The terms of the offices shall be three years for the Trustees. ~~and two years for all the others.~~ **Two years for Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Elders and Deacons-one year as junior and one year as senior. Vice President (one year and) will assume the duties of President for the second year of their term. Elections shall be held each year in order to fill vacancies.**Constitutional change was passed by paper ballot.
- **2023 Budget (presented by Myra Hanenkraft):** The budget was reviewed. Changes: increase in operating expenses and 3% raise in staff salaries. Motion was made by Carol Wilson to accept and seconded by Lynda Ranly. Budget was passed by paper ballot
- **Destroying of votes by paper ballot:** Motion was made by Lloyd Schroer and seconded by Neal Voress

Other Business: John Gilberg asked the question regarding a Search Committee for new pastor search. Myra Hanenkraft explained that one will be formed.

Pastor Becky thanked Roland Dicke for his service as Congregational President.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lynda Ranly and was seconded by Joyce Gilberg