

University Mennonite Church Business Meeting
November 19, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Pending Congregational Approval

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Mary Derstein, Rosita Derstine, Joyce & Marvin Hall, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Nel Kopp, Molly & Hal Kunkel, Rogers & Paulette McLane, Elaine Mercer, Fran Osseo-Asare & Osseo Asare, Karen Rath, Jim Rosenberger, Amy Sattler, Joel & Krista Weidner, Ben Wideman, Doug Yoder

Karen opened with scripture reading from Romans 12:1-18

Review and Approval of August 20 Meeting Minutes – Jim Rosenberger moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair Report – Karen Rath (report on web site) – no verbal report was provided.

Elders Report (report on web site) – Gloria Horst Rosenberger highlighted a few items on the report including; elders lists, elders are checking the church office voice mail daily, Foxdale service that Marv occasionally led, and the task force on children and youth.

3rd Way Collective Report (report on web site) – Ben shared that the ministry just celebrated its three-year anniversary. Ben shared that he has been thinking about place (mentioned the Abba Java coffee house as successful gathering place). We have a ministry where we go out and stand with persons where they are, but we don't have a place (other than our Wednesday dinners) where people can gather. Ben reported that Cathy Pierce has joined the committee and has taken on half of the chair position. He is waiting to see if one of the UBBC representatives will share the other half of the committee chair job.

Finance Committee Reports – Jim Rosenberger

- Jim reviewed the reports and financial statements on the web site. He pointed out an error in the treasurer's report that incorrectly stated the checking account balance. The balance sheet balance is lower due to some recently written checks.
- One additional month of Marv's salary was removed from the budget because he left earlier than anticipated, leaving a net budget income of \$4,416.
- Ben asked about future budgeting model for 3rd Way Collective and Jim indicated the committee is planning to ask for pledges in March again this year (same procedure as last year).
- Jim Rosenberger presented a motion from the search committee to request a budget of \$3,500 for pastoral search travel, meals, and lodging. Marvin Hall seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed.
- Molly Kunkel moved to authorize Jim Rosenberger to reopen the PNC Brokerage account for the purpose of accepting gifts of stocks. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Jim reported on the request from the Meetinghouse to consider that we start to reserve funds to upgrade the basement restrooms. The upgrades would include a handicapped restroom.

Pastoral Search Committee Update - Karen gave a quick update on the process and reported that we have received a synopsis of nine potential candidate and are expect to receive information on additional candidates.

Discussion on Congregational Involvement During Pastoral Transition – Karen led a discussion on this topic. Discussion points included:

- The leadership team has divided up tasks previously assumed by the pastor
- The congregation is asked to help out in whatever way they can including; worship leading, speakers, helping with children and youth, Sunday School, Nursery, congregational care duties, etc.
- The suggestion was made that that this type of “pep-talk” should be given on a Sunday morning when there are more people in attendance.
- Amy Sattler asked about Children’s Christmas program. Amy had agreed to help, but is not able to lead the effort by herself. Karen will send an email to the congregation asking for help. We did confirm that the program is scheduled for December 17.

Worship Committee – (report on web site) – Gloria highlighted a few items from the report including;

- The committee is alternating in-house and outside speakers, every other Sunday.
- When a potential pastoral candidate is scheduled for a visit, we will try to coordinate for a week where we have an in-house speaker (bumping the scheduled person).
- Speakers scheduled all the way through March 4.

Music Committee – Hal encouraged everyone with musical talent or who knows someone with musical talent to let the music committee know.

Ghana Partnership Committee – (report on web site) Fran Osseo-Asare highlighted a few items from the report including;

- Name change of school (dropping College)
- Humphrey is still in the US until the end of the year. He will be back in Ghana in January. His visa was extended so that Eddie could stay and complete his schooling.
- There is a woman teacher from the seminary who will be at Fuller in the coming year and could be invited to talk with UMC sometime next year.
- The group is exploring partnership with another church.

Fellowship Committee – (report on web site) – no verbal report was provided.

Other Business

- Joel Weidner thanked the congregation for the support during the recent Ten Thousand Villages sale.
- Joyce Hall reported that she has one additional slot for bell ringing for Inter-Faith Human Services.

Adjournment - Marvin Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Evelyn Bartsch led the group in Hymn 425 to close.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Weidner, Secretary