

University Mennonite Church Business Meeting
September 16, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Pending Congregational Approval

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Carolyn Brubaker, Rodney Brubaker, Mary Derstein, Rosita & Tim Derstine, Leland Glenna, Joyce & Marvin Hall, Kate Heinzl, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Nel Kopp, Fidele & Leah Lumeya, Rogers and Paulette McLane, Elaine Mercer, Doug Miller, Fran & Osseo Asare, Esther Prins, Jim Prowant, Karen Rath, Jim Rosenberger, Rick & Kathleen Stehouwer, Joel Weidner, Ben & Meredith Wideman

Opening Devotions – Karen Rath opened the meeting with a reading from Colossians 3 and prayer.

Review and Approval of May 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Hope Brubaker motioned to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

Congregational Chair Report (report on web) – Karen mentioned that the new pastoral covenant for Kate has been approved.

Pastor's Report (report on web) – Kate highlighted goals that she is planning for the coming year. They include:

- Visiting and getting to know church members
- Participating in the larger church activities (local and MCUSA)
- Listening to us as a body and looking for ways to serve to engage with each other outside Sunday morning.

She welcomed feedback and counsel on the goals.

Elders Report (report on web)

3rd Way Collective Report (report on web)

- Ben Wideman shared that he was grateful to have another pastor on staff and that it feels good to have another colleague at UMC
- Leland Glenna shared that the 3WC advisory team is working to create a new covenant for the campus pastor position. They are close to finishing the draft which will include a three-year commitment for the ministry.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports for 2017-2018 (report on web)

Jim Rosenberger shared that our last fiscal year that ended on August 30 was a good year financially.

In summary:

- Balance Sheet
 - o Total Current assets of \$144,706
- Income and Expense
 - o Unrestricted – \$233,961
 - o Restricted – \$36,446
 - o Expenditures – \$201,948

- Total Net Income of \$70,635
- 65% of expenditures are outward directed

There was a question from Fran about funding for Ghana Partnership and in particular the scholarship support for the seminary student. Jim indicated that he may have forgotten to wire money to the student that we agreed to support and will look into that.

Restroom Remodel Proposal

- Remodel restrooms next to kitchen
- Men's restroom would be made accessible and unisex
- Remodel of women's restroom
- Total Proposal Cost - \$11,809 (only one bid was received after seeking bids from multiple contractors)
- It was noted that there is just over \$12,000 in our building fund that would be used for the project.

Joel Weidner moved to accept proposal by the building committee to renovate the restrooms at the proposed cost. The motion was seconded and carried.

Budget for 2018-2019 (report on web)

Jim presented the budget that was preliminarily approved at the previous meeting in May.

Joel Weidner made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded and discussion occurred.

- Fran expressed concern that we are not funding the Ghana ministry at the same levels as the past, recognizing that we have been unable to find leadership for the ministry committee. Jim indicated that there are some funds reserved for the ministry that could be used to support the scholarship for the seminary budget.
- Joel mentioned that the mission budgets were created based on the mission priorities survey and feedback.
- Esther asked about electricity costs that were quite a bit lower than budgeted. Jim responded that it was because of warmer weather.

The motion carried, and the budget was approved without changes.

Volunteer Positions

- Karen reported that Gloria Horst Rosenberger volunteered to fill the nursery coordinator role.
- She noted that the creation care committee is not currently functioning.

Other Reports

Allegheny Mennonite Conference Delegate Session (report on web)– Joyce Hall highlighted several points about the last meeting.

- There was a different feel at last meeting. Things felt more peaceful.
- Discussions took place around remaining churches joining another conference, but for now AMC will continue to work at making the conference viable

- There are a couple of other churches that are considering joining with us.
- Joyce reported that she felt blessed to be part of the conference and getting to know others in the wider church and encouraged others to think about becoming a delegate in the future.
- Jim reported that two other conferences gave AMC \$4,000 in support

Ghana Ministry (report on web) – Fran indicated that someone will need to step forward to lead the committee if we are going to continue the ministry. It requires a relationship and we need someone to take over the coordination. If no one steps forward to lead the committee, we may need to re-consider how important this ministry is to our church.

Karen indicated that there are other reports on the web.

Leland motioned to end the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01

Closing Hymn- Blessed be the tie that binds

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Weidner, Secretary