

University Mennonite Church Business Meeting
February 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m.
Pending Congregational Approval

Attendance: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch, Carolyn Brubaker, Hope Brubaker, Rodney Brubaker, Kris Charles, Mary Derstein, Rosita & Tim Derstine, Leland Glenna, Kate Heinzl, Gloria Horst Rosenberger, Nel Kopp, Paul McCormick, Doug Miller, Bart Moyer, Fran Osseo-Asare, Esther Prins, Karen Rath, Jim Rosenberger, Amy Sattler, Evelyn Stauffer, Joel Weidner, Ben Wideman

Karen Rath opened the meeting with reading from Romans 8 and prayer.

The meeting minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Jim Rosenberger. The motion was seconded and carried.

Leadership Reports

Pastor's Report — (report on website) Kate emphasized that one of her goals is to visit with UMC community members. A second goal is to work at diving deeper into who we are as a community and what we are about. Lastly, she will be working with the elders to put out a questionnaire about small groups. Kate is always open to feedback. She is thankful for the opportunity to serve.

Congregational Chair's Report — Karen Rath (report on website)

Elders' Report — Bethany Spicher Schonberg (report on website)

Finance Committee — Jim Rosenberger

Treasurer's Report – Jim presented the following reports that are also available on the website. Only report highlights and discussion presented here.

Balance Sheet – Change in net assets YTD is \$5,892.

Income & Expenses vs Budget – Net income YTD is \$5,892.

- We may exceed snow removal budget category.
- Other expense categories are in line with budget.
- Most church-wide ministry funds have been paid except for the remaining 50% of AMC funds.
- A question was raised if money was budgeted for Ten Thousand Villages. There was \$2,000 budgeted under Craft Sale. These funds were approved in the budget for the local store.
- Jim pointed out that we received \$2,000 from Everence earmarked for Park Forest Preschool. There was a question on if the monies must be disbursed to the school or could be given to a different local mission. There was general support for ensuring the money goes to Park Forest Preschool.

Budget Amendments

Jim noted text from the Treasurer's Report that states, "However, we inadvertently failed to budget for sending delegates to the biannual conference, this year being held in Kansas City. I suggest we discuss amending the budget to provide funds for sending two or three delegates to represent UMC and Allegheny Conference at this year's conference, the third to attend the youth conference for the MYF."

Jim proposed a budget amendment to designate \$3,000 in funds to assist delegates in attending the conference. The leadership team will oversee approval of the funds to those in attendance. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was brought by Bart Moyer to add \$500 to the budget for Out Of the Cold Centre County. Kate noted that the program added a part-time staff coordinator this past year. Bart mentioned that the program has also taken on some additional services. Fran proposed to amend the motion to make the amount \$750. Rosita asked that Jim review the amount of money given to other local ministries, which was done. There was no further discussion. The amendment was seconded and the motion carried.

Audit of UMC finances – Jim Rosenberger reported that Molly Kunkel was not present but was planning to present an oral report that an informal audit of the 2017-2018 fiscal year financial records was completed and that no irregular issues were found. She could not be at the meeting and will present a written report to be entered into the minutes.

3rd Way Collective Report (report on website) – Ben was not present and Jim Rosenberger reported on behalf of the advisory committee. The committee is chaired by Cathy Pierce and Tim Cook (from UBBC). Bonnie Marshall has recently joined the committee to assist with fund raising. The focus has been on food and fellowship connections. For spring break, twenty-two students will participate in the trip from the four participating congregations. Ben is scheduling a sabbatical for May, June, and July of 2019 and outlines activities for his sabbatical in the report.

Access to UMC Digital Resources (report on website) — Joel Weidner briefly presented the paper on access to UMC digital resources. He is soliciting congregational feedback, primarily on how we manage access to resources for persons who are no longer actively attending UMC. In the future, recommendations will be made for congregational consideration and approval.

Committee Reports

Ghana Partnership Committee Report (report on website) – Fran Osseo-Asare outlined the history of the partnership which began in 2009 and was originally a partnership with Maple Grove. She reported that the committee is advising to not renew the partnership because of the lack of committee membership and leadership, but that we keep the scholarship budget line item to support a student. Fran will send a letter to the seminary indicating that we are officially ending the partnership. Karen suggested that the committee be abolished, and a single representative be the coordinator for the scholarship component.

Fellowship Committee Report – Elaine Mercer (report on website)

Children and Youth program Committee Report – Bethany Spicher Schonberg (report on website)

Other Business – There was no other business to be discussed.

Closing Hymn – The group closed by singing the first verse of HWB # 421, Bless'd be the tie that binds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Weidner, Secretary