

**Church Council Meeting
February 25, 2014**

In attendance: Carla Heister, Gary Gladu, Luisa Gladu, Diane Ashworth, Jackie Palance, John Rioux, Carol Rivard, Bill Katt, Susan Powers, Vivian Brackett, Joyce Rioux, Heidi Flower, Matti Verzino, Beth Provost, Pastor Sorozan, Jeanette Baker, Christa Wilson.

Excused: Janice Moore, Bill Thibodeau

Devotions and opening prayer provided by Carla Heister

January 25 minutes were approved and accepted with a few corrections – Tim Krauss added to attendance list and the date for the Barnstormers to sing during worship was corrected to April 27.

Reports (additional information)

Education: Joyce Rioux passed out a flyer for Christian Education activities planned for Spring. Activities include a Lenten Study for adults and a Lenten program for children. Confirmation Class will begin March 3 with three young people participating.

Trustees: Carol Rivard reported that the Estate of Joseph Petrosky had listed PUMC as a benefactor of his trust. We were informed that the Trust was being dissolved and that his estate would be paid to his spouse. No action will be taken.

History Committee: Vivian Brackett reported that the History Committee will apply for a Grant from the New York Conference to be used to preserve books and documents of the church. Up to \$1,000 is available through the grant.

Pastor Sorozan: Bob reported that the Annual Church Statistics report is due April 6, which includes Sunday School, Finance and membership information. Bob will be on vacation the week after Easter, April 22 – 30. He will be at an Executive Coaching Workshop on March 22 and will be a spiritual leader at a retreat from May 29 to June 1. He will return after Conference.

Stewardship: Carla Heister reported that the Sower Seeds of Faith & Planning workshop will be held after church on May 18 at 12:00 pm. A conference call for council members will be scheduled before that date to promote the program.

Finance: Mike Fasci attended the Finance meeting and presented a quote for a security system to be installed in the amount of \$3,435 with a monthly monitor fee of \$30. The office hallway would be monitored including outside doors. Fobs and keypads would be used at entrances. Additional quotes will be obtained for the system.

A question was brought up regarding the purchase of the 4 E-Readers. Tim Krauss will be contacted to find out if that has been completed. The electronic giving program is running smoothly. Twelve people have signed up so far.

Jackie Palance reported that it is hard for the counters to keep the Sunday school offerings separate from the regular collection. Education will look into getting envelopes for the children for their offering.

Other Business

Communication of upcoming events was discussed and it was decided that very important events would be announced by the Pastor and other events would continue to be announced by the committees. It was also decided that it was appropriate to send out an email blast regarding events such as funerals that were not announced at a Sunday service. In the case of a funeral, the family would need to approve the notification.

Exercise:

“A Growing Christian Community of Faith and Action”

The Mission of the Church and goals for the church were discussed.

Goals for the church were listed as Discipleship as the #1 goal with Growth, Nurture and improving our financial situation as part of that goal.

Ideas for Growth included:

- Participating in the Mum Festival booth in September

- Bring a Friend to Church Sunday – planned for May 4

- Partner with a community organization

- Curb appeal – a realtor has been contacted to get ideas for the church grounds

- Have a booth at the Bristol Home Show

- Participate in the Relay for Life event

- Special Blessings Sunday – Bless the backpacks collected for DCF children and have the children of our church bring their backpacks to also be blessed.

- Give a blessing at the Duck Race

Next Council meeting will be March 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Provost