

Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council, October 15, 2013

Attendance: Sue Powers, Joyce E. Rioux, Bob Sorozan, Beth Provost, Diane Ashworth, Heidi Flower, Matti Verzino, Jackie Palance, Bill Katt, Christa Zaldivar, Carla Heister (recording secretary pro-tem)

Excused: John Rioux, Bill Thibedeau, Gary Gladu, Jan Moore

Opening Devotions were led by Heidi Flower, who spoke about our need to Stop, Look, and Listen.

The August minutes were approved as written.

Reports:

Middle Ages – written report sent to all members of council

Worship – written report sent to all members of council

Education – written report sent to all members of council

-highlighted Oct. 26th event, Going Dark to Let in the Light, 4-6 pm @ PUMC. Turn off your electronics and have a good time

-when will Finance Room be moved? Council voted to set a deadline of Dec. 1 for all review of what is in the present Finance Room by committees (identify what is to be retained and each committee will clean out outdated materials).

-Who wants to take over the New Year's Eve event? Christa volunteered to co-chair but a committee sponsor is needed, maybe Middle Ages?

Pastor Bob

-Ann Brewer passed away today; the funeral will be at Funk Funeral Home on Friday.

-Susie Parker is in Hartford Hospital

-Nominating committee still needs a few people for committees, need chair for Re-Think (whatever it will be named).

-Freedom Fellowship may not be here after December, they are looking for a permanent home where they don't have to pack up and unpack each week. We may be able to host District functions in future years, but not 2014, as a source of added income.

Other Business:

- 1- Sower: Seeds of Faith and Finance seminar, sponsored by Stewardship and Finance Committees presented. Asked about December date, but our calendar is too full already. Carla will contact Ed Ruppmann about scheduling it for later in January 2014. Ed has requested a conference call with Council 4-6 weeks beforehand.
- 2- Christa requested any feedback on Rally Day. People liked it, and one new volunteer was identified through this event. There are about 16 students on average in Sunday School each week. There is a full complement of Sunday School teachers and helpers. MYF met last Sunday afternoon with the few there having a really good time.
- 3- Finance: we are at 93% of amount pledged being given. There must be a budget ready for Charge Conference so Finance will have a budget to present to Council

next month (November 2013). The new Authorization Form for automatic bank account deduction for church giving was handed out. Council members can fill it out now and start their automatic deduction now. A rollout to the entire congregation is anticipated for January 2014.

- 4- History: has requested that if, in the future, any changes or redesign of the building is planned please include them in the planning since our church is on the National Register of Historic Buildings. History will also forward this request to the Trustees.
- 5- Habitat for Humanity has broken ground for homes here in Bristol. There are many opportunities to volunteer, as a church, a group, or an individual. Sue will contact the volunteer coordinator and bring back more information.
- 6- Sue announced that there will be a Holy Conferencing Is There a Future For an Inclusive Church? Event to be held at Memorial UMC in White Plains, on Nov. 16, from 10:30 am – 4 pm. (place has changed from what was reported).
- 7- Women of Prospect: The Harvest Pasta Dinner will be on November 2 from 6 – 7:30 pm and cost is \$10 adults and \$5 under 10. The Bargain Center needs children's clothes, sizes 3 mo to 4T. The Fair is set.
- 8- Stephen Ministry: is going well and those in training are excited. There are 7 people from PUMC and 5 from Asbury that are in the training. After the full training there will be bi-weekly group meetings.
- 9- Kayla and Ryan Rivard were married on Saturday.

The next Council Meeting will be on **November 19, 2013**.
The meeting was closed with prayer from Pastor Sorozan.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Heister, recording secretary pro-tem