

## **Church Council Meeting March 18, 2014**

**Attendance:** Gary Gladu, Louisa Gladu, Tim Krauss, Bob Sorozan, Jeanette Baker, Carol Rivard, Carla Heister, Heidi Flower, Madeline (Mattie) Verzino, Susan Powers, Bill Katt, Christa Zaldivar

**Excused:** John Rioux, Joyce Rioux, Beth Provost, Vivian Brackett, Mike Fasci, Diane Ashworth, Terry Parker

Devotion and opening prayer led by Carol Rivard

February 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes approved and accepted.

Jeanette Baker's request to change of the Church Council meeting to 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month was agreed to if needed to avoid a conflict with the Asbury / Prospect Combined Stevens Ministry meeting. Jeanette will check and let Council members know if change is required.

Jeanette updated the Council on the Historical Records Grant application. It has been submitted and we are awaiting a response from the annual conference.

Tim Krauss spoke about the "Contemporary Worship Conference" to be held March 29, 2014 and suggested that some should attend.

Jeanette asked Bob Sorozan to discuss the Vital Congregation Workshop.

Bill Katt advised the Council of the reconstitution of the Monthly Head Usher program.

Sue Powers told the council about the "Caring for God's Creation" workshop to be held at Hartford UMC on March 29, 2014.

Tim asked about the Habitat for Humanity project and Sue told us that they had broken ground – she was not sure about the long delay - except weather – and she will contact Habitat for Humanity for an update.

"Sower Seeds of Faith and Planning" workshop is scheduled for Sunday May 18, 2014. There will be a conference call for all church leaders with Edmund Ruppman on Tuesday April 18, 2014 at 7:00PM. She will forward call information to all leaders.

Carol reported that she has signed a contract with BARC for the lawn mowing at the same rate as last year. They have given her a price of \$100 to do the spring cleanup that is being considered if money is available.

Bob reported that:

- Holy week services shall be:
  - Holy Thursday – April 17 – 7:00 PM
  - Good Friday – April 18 – Noon
  - Easter Sunday – April 20 – Sunrise Service on Federal Hill Green and 10:00 AM service. No 8:30 service.
- Confirmation Classes have begun with 3 confirmands.
- Annual Conference June 4 through 7

Tim presented Financial Reports stressing February 2014 report.

Gary and Louisa Gladu said that they needed a “Head Cook” for the first night of the Renaissance Dinner. If they cannot get someone they will have to go to a caterer to provide the service at a cost that will be deducted from any profit.

Tim was asked about the e readers and he reported that he had sent funds for 3 readers but had not heard anything about the “matching” readers. Bob will ask Ken Kiefer (DS) about this.

Jeanette briefly followed up on the discussion on Church Growth from last month’s meeting.

- We will need to get subgroups to develop some of the programs.
- We will start – Sunday March 23 – asking congregation the one of the 7 questions Jeanette prepared with some wording variation to include all in the congregation and make them personal – Change “members” to “you”

Jeanette then gave us homework for the next council meeting – List the current PUMC mission projects.

Respectively submitted

William Katt