

Prospect United Methodist Church
Church Council, May 20, 2014

Attendance: Jeanette Baker, Bob Sorozan, Susan Powers, Vivian Brackett, Bill Thibodeau, Bill Katt, Christa Zaldivar, Tim Krauss, Carla Heister (recording secretary pro-tem),
Excused: John Rioux, Joyce Rioux, Terry Parker, Jan Moore, Matti Verzino, Jackie Palance, Diane Ashworth, Heidi Flower, Carol Rivard

Opening Devotions were sent from John Rioux. Seven Things the Bible Can Teach You about Marketing Strategy.

The April minutes were approved.

Updates and New Items: Susan Powers-1)Yalesville UMC is coordinating a mission project to get soft toothbrushes & toothpaste to a Nicaraguan missionary dentist. Council voted unanimously to offer support from PUMC to this. 2) the Barnstormers money is going to help with the oil bill.

Jeanette Baker – 1) Jill will get clarification on the missionary sponsor/member fee. 2) Louisa is coordinating the PUMC presence at Relay for Life June 6-7; because of her efforts we rank 15 of 35 for teams fundraising totals. Can we have a bake sale at this? Louisa asked for volunteers to help with break down at the end of the event but we are not sure of the exact time. 3) items from the Middle Ages Group include a reminder of the Bridal Gown event June 21; the Victorian Tea on December 13, and Kids Breakfast with Santa December 20. 4) Tour of Federal Hill Churches will be September 14. From Carol Rivard came a list of items from the Trustees. 1) They moved that \$12,000 be taken from the investment gains on the restricted fund and given to help pay the oil bill, based on a request from the Finance Committee. Ray Barker will get this done. 2) The sink hole in the rear lot is repaired. 3) The rain gutter will be replaced next week. 4) The circuit panel at the back of the sanctuary will be replaced this week. 5)Water damage from the clock tower is being investigated. 6) A new general rental agreement is being written with price increases. All groups using the building will have to sign off on the agreement. This will be enforced. 7) Insect problem has been addressed. Vacuuming the nursery will be included in the nursery aide job description. Diane had a realtor look over the church property and make assessment of what needs to be done to keep up the appearance of the building and grounds.

Jeanette will put questions for congregational input in the Sunday Bulletin and recommend to congregation that they use the postlude time to fill out the form.

Tim Krauss – passed out the latest Finance report. The item of interest was that by the end of April he had paid \$8984 towards the church oil bill with about \$17,000 still owed and he has paid \$1234 towards parsonage oil bill with about \$1150 still owed.

Jeanette showed the video, Our Paradox, about the expansion and contraction of the United Methodist Church. It will be shown in church next Sunday, again in mid-summer, and again in the Fall.

Ephesians 1:17-23 was read and our works of piety and works of mercy within our church structure were discussed.

Rev. Sorozan reported that Barbara McDonald passed away; Jan is not doing well. He is asking Jill Wilson to step in as chair of Worship Committee. Terri is doing well. Ann Reynolds is now a permanent resident at Ingraham Manor.

The meeting was closed with the united recitation of John 15:5.

Submitted by:
Carla Heister

Pastor Bob

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Other Business:

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Respectfully submitted,
Carla Heister, recording secretary pro-tem