

Prospect United Methodist Church

Church Council January 25, 2014

Attendance: Heidi Flower, Terry Parker, Carol Rivard, Luisa Gladu, Gary Gladu, Carla Heister, Joyce Rioux, John Rioux, Christa Zaldivar, Matti Verzino, Jackie Palance, Tim Krauss, Jeanette Baker.

Opening devotions were led by Jeanette Baker. A body of many parts joined in love will work together in Gods' name. We are a body of many parts.

November minutes accepted with a few 2 spelling changes

Sue Powers was excused.

Reports: Pastor Bob: A Lenten study will be held starting March 13th from 6:30 to 7:30 for 5 weeks. Subject: Embracing a life of meaning.

Other planning dates are: February 9th--- confirmation class meeting with youth.

February 18th--- District Superintendant Ken Kieffer will lead a session on church growth at 7:00 pm. Pastor Bob will encourage the congregation to attend. Because of this our next church council will be held on February 25th at 7. Ken also mentioned a website called Mission Insight. They collect data about our local population and share it with local churches to use. Tim Krauss has started looking into this info and will report back on the data and what we can do with it. He will also have a conversation with Ken on what do to with this.

Middle Ages: Luisa gave the dates of this year's fundraisers.

May 3rd and 10th --- Renaissance dinner

June 21st—Wedding Dresses throughout the years

Dec. 6th or 20th-- Breakfast with Father Christmas. Simple menu of French toast sticks juice and milk. Puppet show—Christmas is love from 8 to 10 am

Dec 12th-- Tea for the elite.

Dec. 13th—Victorian tea

Should we offer the hall to outside groups for Birthday parties? Another way to raise funds.

The Tea raised a profit of \$1519. The group will be giving \$1000 to the general fund as requested by the finance committee.

Finance: Need to raise money for the alarm system. So far the fair committee has donated \$500. John reported that there is about \$200 available already but we need \$5-6 thousand. We also need to encourage more people to sign up for electronic giving. Finance will be customizing the form. Diane Ashworth put in a request to sell grinders for the scholarship committee. This was approved. To date we have raised enough funds to purchase 4 E-Readers for the program that Ken Kieffer talked about at Charge Conference. An article will be put in the newsletter to see if anyone else is interested.

Stewardship: Carla reported that Ed Ruppmann is still interested in doing a Financial Planning Stewardship program for free to the congregation. We need to come up with a time and date for a conference call first.

Music: Heidi gave the dates and times for the Barnstormers program.

April 25th—Two rehearsals with a separate program between at the Historical Society

April 26th— Rehearse from 9—12. We serve dinner at 5pm for about 100 in Sessions hall. They pay us so this is our fundraiser. Concert that night at 7pm. A free will offering will be collected. This is there payment.

April 27th—They sing during worship. The details will have to be worked out with the worship committee. Pastor is away that Sunday. Save the date will be put in the tower.

Education: February 1st—District Resource day – Woodbury 10 --12

February 9th—District Resource day—Yalesville 2—4

February 9th Scout Sunday. Joyce will get badges.

April 13th Palm Sunday Processional

Other Business: February 1st-- Women of Prospect meeting in downstairs kitchen at 9 am.

February 4th Lay Leaders meet with pastor at 7pm.

We need to come up with a better way to inform our congregation about time sensitive happenings.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rivard