

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, August 21, 2012

In Attendance: Sue Powers, Pastor Bob Sorozan, Janice Moore, Heidi Flower, Jeanette Bakeer, Bill Katt, Beth Provost, Carla Heister, Joyce Rioux, John Rioux, Christa Zaldivar, Tim Krauss, Terry Parker.

Excused: Jill Wilson, Chris Wilson, Carolyn Koboski

Chair Sue Powers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Opening devotions were led by John Rioux, based on John 3 “are you bringing great joy?”

Welcome to new Sunday School Superintendent Christa Zaldivar!

June Council minutes were accepted as presented.

Middle Ages Group – report accepted as presented.

Education – meeting is tomorrow evening, Weds. Aug 22. Focus is on having teachers in place for September and planning for registration and rally day.

Faith in Action – 20 lunch packs were made and delivered to Zion for June and July – all that is needed for August is some cereal packs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joyce Rioux – Staff Parish – looking into a possible internship with Yale Divinity School grad student. This would be 13.5 hours weekly; from Sept. 2013 thru June 2014. We need to complete the application process, assign a supervisor (most likely the pastor). There needs to be a committee to interview possible candidates – emphasis will probably be on children’s ministry and music. This is not a paid position but we would offer a stipend for traveling expenses. The application does not guarantee we will get an intern. We need to “firm up” what we are looking for in a person in this position and what we will offer him/her in the way of varied experiences within the church. Council voted to allow Joyce to begin the application process.

Lay Leadership – first focus is on acquiring Sunday school teachers and helpers; then the focus will be on other committees. All committee members will be asked if they wish to stay in their present position or change to another area of ministry.

Finance – Tim Krauss handed out the income and expense sheets; Jackie Palance is taking over for Naomi Campbell, as she is starting back to school in Sept.

It was noted that we have now been an all-volunteer church for 5 years!

Sue Powers – commenting on 2 areas that were a part of the October Leadership retreat last year. 1. Children and Youth – more emphasis needed here, and perhaps this will be addressed through the Yale Intern Program. 2. Alternative Worship – perhaps an alternative service on 5th Sundays (there are 4) or something different for summer worship. This has been passed to Worship Committee for their upcoming meeting on Sept. 23rd.

Pastor Bob – we are a Stevens Ministry church and there is an upcoming training program for this early in 2013. Bob is planning to ask Diane Ashworth if she will attend. It is a week-long program. Council voted to find the money to cover the expense of

sending someone to this training program. Steven Ministry is a laity-led pastoral care program that helps with families facing grief or health obstacles, other problems, and also community disaster services. Pastor Bob has materials that he will give to Diane.

The Steward's Fund has been used quite often lately and is down to just a few hundred dollars – congregation will be made aware that it needs to be replenished. A report will be given on what the fund is used for, in general. It is also possible to ask the Roberts Fund for help with this fund.

The order of the Sunday service will be changed so the Offertory is before the Children's Time, so that those in the choir who are helping with Sunday school can leave with the children.

Pastor Bob has information on storm closings and will make up a booklet for the Lay Leaders. We need to work on a phone chain for those that need to be called if the church has to close.

August 28, 31st and Sept. 1st Bob will be out of town.

There is no date as yet for Charge Conference – we are hoping to set it for sometime in January.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 18th. Jeanette Baker will do devotions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with the recitation of the following quote:

*“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness. Kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”
Mother Teresa.*

Respectfully submitted

Janice Moore
Recording Secretary