

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 27, 2016
7:00pm

VISION STATEMENT ~ *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World*

MISSION STATEMENT ~ *Bring to Christ, Building in Christ, Sending for Christ*

Council Members Present ~ Kent Cooper, Bob Cooper, Diana Malin, Nancy Bartell, Sharon Newsome, Cynthia Cooper, Gil Read, Mitch Ulrey, Scot Mitchell and Steve Basham

Staff Present ~ Dr. Marc Donaldson, Rev. Kelli Eldridge, Amy Mitcham, Robin Tracey, Steve Mordhorst and Nancy Davis

Guests Present ~

- I. Call to Order Kent Cooper
 a. Kent Cooper, Vice Chair Church Council, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
- II. Opening Prayer Dr. Marc Donaldson
- III. Meeting Minutes – *Action* Kent Cooper
 a. Approve the May 24, 2016 Church Council Minutes
 i. Kent Cooper asked the Council to review the minutes and asked for comments
 ii. Hearing none, a motion was made by Steve Basham to accept the minutes as written, second by Diana Malin, all approved
- IV. Finance Mitch Ulrey
 a. Approve the May, June, July and August 2016 Financials – *Action*
 i. Mitch Ulrey went through the year to date figures (see attached spreadsheet)
 ii. Revenue is down compared to what was projected
 iii. Have spoken with staff about how we can reduce our spending by \$65-\$70 thousand
 iv. Have drawn on the Line of Credit (LOC)
 v. Have taken our withdrawals from The Climbing Tree (TCT)
 vi. Next meeting should have a plan of action
 vii. A motion was made by Diana Malin to accept the May, June, July and August 2016 Financials as presented, second by Bob Cooper, all approved

- b. Christ Church Golf Tournament
 - i. Steve Basham said the tournament brought in approximately \$31,000 projected \$25,000
 - ii. Would like to do it again next year

- V. Children's Education Building Committee – *Informational* Amy Mitcham
 - a. Progressing well
 - b. Finalizing plans
 - i. Floor plans
 - ii. Engineers

 - VI. Capital Campaign Update – *Informational* Kent Cooper
 - a. We are using Horizon Stewardship to organize our campaign
 - i. It is unique campaign and laid out by committees
 - ii. Begins with the Prayer Committee – this whole campaign is prayer based
 - iii. Will be receiving in the mail a Vision Brochure
 - iv. Trying to get everyone in the church involved
 - 1. What can God do for you and how can I be a part of this
 - v. A healthy church is a financially secure church
 - vi. November 20th is Commitment Sunday
 - 1. You will have received 2 different cards (some will be available that day as well)
 - a. A Tithe card
 - b. A Roots & Wings Capital Campaign Card
 - 2. Sunday before you will learn how much has been given so far (Celebration Sunday)
 - vii. It is a 3-year commitment
 - 1. October 9th – November 20th is the campaign
 - viii. After November 20th, there will need to be a Charge Conference so the building process can move forward, decision what we can and can't do
 - ix. Communication is the KEY factor
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- VII. Review Goals from 2014 5-Year Strategic Growth Plan Kent Cooper
 - a. Kent Cooper and Rob Bourgeois have sat down and reviewed the plan's goal
 - i. We suggest reviewing the goals at the beginning of the year or having the review coincide with the Annual Conference for the church
 - ii. After the 1st for the year have quarterly updates
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- VIII. Good & Welfare of the Church Kent Cooper
 - a. Nancy Bartell – Adult Spiritual Formation
 - i. We have many new Bible Study class taking place on and off campus
 - ii. Have added a Sunday School class
 - b. Dr. Marc Donaldson
 - i. Last August the clergy and Ed went on a retreat in Galveston
 - 1. Discussed our Vision & Mission statements
 - a. Updated the verbiage – now own it
 - b. Updated the webpage to reflect this

2. PPR Committee paid for the lodging and Dan treated us to a fabulous dinner
- ii. Norm and Joan Jenkins
 1. Have taken the first modest rail off the first pew and restored it after the flood waters damaged it and they now have the other one (the one in front of the Pulpit) and are restoring it – wonderful Disciples!
- c. Rev. Kelli Eldridge
 - i. She has been on board 3 months
 1. Still learning the workings of the church and the people
 2. Identify the needs of the church
 3. Amy and Kelli are doing “Recharge” on Wednesday nights
- d. Bob Cooper – Music Ministry Lay Leader
 - i. Mass Gospel Choir was wonderful
 - ii. All services we had a full choir loft
- e. Steve Basham – Missions Lay Leader
 - i. January 26 – January 28, 2017 is our Missions Celebration time
 1. We are still simplifying the events
- f. Cynthia Cooper – Children’s Ministry Lay Leader and Amy Mitcham
 - i. Wednesday Night Kid’s Club began in early September
 1. We have 8 committed volunteers with 2 floaters every week
 2. We ended the spring with 60 children and we began the fall with 60 children
- g. Robin Tracey – Children’s Christian Education Center Director
 - i. We have a new classroom opening up in 2 weeks
 - ii. In the process of hiring a new lead kitchen staff person
- h. Sharon Newsome – Women’s Lay Leader
 - i. Women’s ministry has settled in with our regular events
 - ii. Now we are looking into what to add/delete
 - iii. Women’s Ministry has provided new communion rail cushions in the Sanctuary
 - iv. Upcoming events – Pink Ribbon Luncheon; Eat, Love, Pray; Women’s Advent Brunch and many more

IX. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

- a. Kent Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:47pm
- b. Rev. Kelli Eldridge closed us with prayer