



Council Minutes June 21st, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Bulgerin	*Alissa Burgos (Secretary)	*Peg Lade (Worship)
*Pastor Heidi Borkenhagen	Ed Eckert (Treasurer)	Wendy Freeland (Fellowship)
*Mike McGraw (President)	Open (Christian Education)	Lisa Bernd (Director of Involvement)
*Kerry Feutz (Past President)	*Kelly Klug (Outreach)	*Sarah Brogni (Property)
*Mike Moran (President Elect)	*Melissa Schmidt (Christian Care)	

(*) present at meeting

The meeting began at 7:20 P.M. with President Mike McGraw presiding.

Reflection led by Mike McGraw

- ✓ Approval of meeting agenda
- ✓ Approval of the May 2018 minutes

Open Issues

1. Long Range Planning
 - a. Staff laid out summer goals and discussed how they have been working on them. They all know each other's goals and are working to help when they can.
 - b. John Bernd will come in next week to learn web-based file sharing.
 - c. Staff get together will happen once Pastor Paul is back with maybe a smaller get together this summer.
2. Outreach for Hope Bike Ride
 - a. The organizers called to check in and Lori Mathias, a member of Grace, is on the hospitality committee. She is planning the food. She can let us know what more we need to do.
 - b. This event is September 8th.
3. Blessing Box Installation
 - a. Still determining the correct materials needed to install the box. Council will work with Sarah and Mike to determine what will be needed. Council will also call diggers hotline 72 hours ahead of time.
4. Crossways Camps
 - a. Chris Beloin would like to talk to Council at the August meeting. He will share info on the capital campaign. There will be a short video on what they are doing at cross ways. They will be asking churches and individual involved in the campaign.

Pastors and DI Reports

PASTOR PAUL'S REPORT:

Sabbatical

PASTOR HEIDI'S REPORT:

Worship: I put together the Favorite Hymn Service.

Thanks to Matt and Jessica Short for preaching in June, and for Howard Vrankin who is preaching two Sundays in July. This help has enabled me to keep my head above water with Paul gone.

This Sunday is our Outdoor Worship and Picnic.

Visits: It's been a busy month of hospital and shut-in visits.

Weddings: I have finished my premarital sessions. I presided over the marriage of Janel Hartwig and Brian Piper on June 2. I'll be presiding over the wedding of Madeline Sisel and Kevin Carlson on July 21. Then I have two weddings the last two weeks in August one of which is in Minnesota.



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Outreach: I'll be attending the night to put together the sandwiches for All People's and bringing them down to the church the next day.

Lydia Circle: We concluded our study in May for the summer. We meet for our summer social next week.

Synod Assembly: One of the resolutions to come out of the synod assembly was to encourage congregations to become Reconciling in Christ Congregations. This is a way to say to LGBTQ people that you are an open and affirming congregation. It is something we can discuss at length in the coming months. I'll bring some info on this to the council meeting or you can go to www.reconcilingworks.org. Thanks to our congregational voting members: Mike and Dana Moran, and Diana Koppa.

Marquette Pastoral Leadership Class: I met with my cohort from June 11-13. Our topic was very timely: Immigration. I learned a lot and look forward to sharing what I learned with the congregation through sermons, education and a sermon series I'd like to put together for Lent.

DIRECTOR OF INVOLVEMENT: (Lisa Bernd)

Southport Heating & Cooling: Southport was here to do our spring maintenance last week.

Building Usage: We have been renting out building space over the past month for members to use for their family gatherings. It seems to be working well for people using the building. One of my summer plans is to get a better check list for people to use when they rent a space in the building.

Mailboxes: I have cleaned out & updated the names on all of the church mailboxes & office mailboxes.

Church Directories: The church directories are done & distributed. If you had your photo taken for the directory, you got a free directory. I have a few extra directories available that I am selling for \$20.00 which is what they cost to purchase from the company.

Hospitality Storage Room 1: I cleaned out the storage room off of the hospitality room. I removed the large table that was in there to give it more room. We are now storing the risers in there that we received from Woodview.

Summer Plans: This summer I am working on a booklet of information on what I do, alarm & sprinkler system information, care for our building, etc. That way all of the information is in a central spot if people need it.

Cement Car Stop in Parking Lot: (I am not sure if that is the correct name) A few months ago it was mentioned at a council meeting that we needed to move the car stop by the ALC door so that no one falls. I would like to get that taken care of this summer. It appears that it can move to the spot next to it but I know it is not as simple as that. What would be my next steps to getting it moved?

*****Coffee Maker***:** What would we like done with the old coffee maker? It is taking up a lot of space. Erica listed it a month ago & no one has inquired about it. What am I to do with it?

Regular Things: I also continue doing the weekly inset, Grace Notes, the Good News, responsibility emails, entering contributions, e-giving & the million things that come up daily.

Attendance Report

Attendance was discussed.

Committee Reports

CHRISTIAN CARE: (Melissa Schmidt)



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No updates.

FELLOWSHIP: (Wendy Freeland)

Church picnic is this Sunday!

- 55 people signed up, but looking back at previous years, there is always a higher attendance than sign up. I am estimating 80 - 100
- Pulled pork, hamburgers, hot dogs and chips will be provided along with lemonade and water.
- Sign up included signing up for a dish to pass to cover the rest of the meal.
- Katie Eippert is taking care of games for both young and old.....THANK YOU KATIE!

FINANCE: (Ed Eckert)

OUTREACH: (Kelly Klug)

We will be making sandwiches for All People's Church on Monday June 25 and they will be delivered Tues June 26 by either Lisa or Pastor Heidi (thank you once again ladies for delivering them).

PROPERTY: (Sarah Brogni)

We had 6 people attend the "The spring clean up". Flower beds were all cleaned out, round up applied to the flower bed, around the church and property. We planted 2 new bushes on the north side of the building. Property was cleaned up of large branches and debris.

WORSHIP: (Peg Lade)

The WPT met on June 5th with all but two of the members in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer.

- Pastor Heidi proposed making a small change to the liturgy for summer which was eliminating the "Thanks Be to You" near the end of the service. This liturgy involves a lot of singing and that, together with the hymns is a little too much – all agreed that shortening the liturgy in this way was a good plan.
- Pastor Heidi is very busy, as we predicted, with Pastor Paul's sabbatical, but it's going well. She is thankful for all the help she is getting and will be using a few of the former Stephen ministers to help her with visiting the sick.
- The work continues finding the right vehicle for our "shared" drive for all the communication needed between musicians, pastors, WPT members, etc. The software has not been chosen yet, but Pastor Heidi is talking about a class that will be available soon.
- The heat in the choir room – Eryn has proposed a large fan to help with air circulation which may help with the continuing problem of the room heating up when there is a rehearsal going on. Leaving the door open is not always an option when there are other meetings going on.
- We may need a new keyboard for services within the next year or so. Eryn is experiencing some electrical shorts with the current keyboard. The WPT is looking at options for the purchase of a new keyboard that will not make it a budget item. We are in the planning stages only.

There is no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be August 7th.

Eryn will do a devotional at the August 7th meeting.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE: (Open)

Sunday School

- We acquired, for FREE, 3 risers from Woodview. We will use them during VBS. If they go well, we will try using them for the Christmas Program as well.

VBS planning is well underway.



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- As of June 13, we have almost 80 students and over 50 volunteers signed up. Help spread the word to sign up now! July 15 is the deadline to receive a free VBS t-shirt.
- Thank you to all members who picked up an “oar” with a donation request. We always have amazing support from the congregation.
- We are still looking for VBS décor items such as tents, Christmas trees (the more the better!!) and other various fake greenery and plants. If you are able to lend us these items for VBS, we would appreciate it!

Upcoming VBS events:

- Wed, July 11 from 7-8pm: VBS Leader Meeting
- Monday, July 16 from 6:30-8:00pm: VBS Work Night (all are welcome to come and lend a hand)

Church Picnic—June 24

- We will be having kickball and a few “smaller” games for little ones (chalk, bubbles, etc). Katie will take care of prep for this.

“Make a Splash” for Jesus Pool Party—July 15

- Camp-style church service at 9:00
- Open swim from 9:30-11:30
- Looking for folks to help with the service (music and readings)—if you are interested, let me know
- Ordered snow cone machine again

AIM Ruth Honorary Cross has been finished. YFMC will discuss location at our next meeting

Confirmation Camp

- Grace had 3 eight graders attend Confirmation Camp. Katie and Erica are splitting the week at camp.
- Erica will be meeting with the staff from Crossroads with other church leaders at camp to discuss low camp attendance and reasons why this may be happening

HYPE

- Erica will be meeting with 9th and 10th graders on June 26th to discuss HYPE events and scheduling. Erica will also be meeting with the parents after to discuss suggestions for HYPE

JYG and KFC

- No updates at this time

Upcoming Events:

- Noahs Ark in August
- HYPE grill out in August

Other Business

Closing Prayer: