

Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes
December 12, 2023

Present: Nancy Nader, Nancy Martin, Jon Rouse, Matt Sutherland, Pastor Craig, David Schipper, Pastor Craig Jan-McMahon, Bill Ridgely, Dawn Collins, Dwight Mueller, Bill Paulson, Joan Rice

1. Opening Devotional: Bill Ridgely
2. Minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.
3. Treasurer's Report: Dwight Mueller reviewed the November 30 Balance Sheet and Operating Budget. There was a deficit of \$10,673, with \$2,854 remaining till the end of the year.
4. Pastor's Report: Preparation for the Christmas Eve services is well underway. Services will be at 9:00, 5:00 and 7:00. The children's Christmas program is this Sunday at 9:00.
5. Moderator's Report: (by Bill Ridgely filling in for Bob Mutton)
 - Lacking any other volunteers, Bill offered to serve as Vice Moderator for the next month. The Council gave its unanimous consent.
 - The annual meeting will be on January 28. Ministry Team chairs are asked to send their year end reports to Joan Rice by January 3 for inclusion in the Annual Report. On the two Sundays prior to the annual meeting, there will be informational gatherings to share information and answer questions on the budget and mission and vision.
 - Council members who are ending their term are asked to hand their door fobs over to their replacement.
 - There was discussion of the upcoming change from two services to one. Considerable feedback has been received indicating that there was no opportunity for input from those who attend the 8:00 service. It was suggested that we return to two services until after the Conflict Transformation process has been completed. The Conflict Transformation team is willing to meet with Council. This may require a special Council meeting.

Dawn moved that we continue with two services (8:00 and 10:30) until after the Conflict Transformation process has been completed. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- a. Music: Planning is underway for the Christmas Eve music. There will be Carols at 5:00 and the choir at 7:00.
- b. Board of Trustees: A \$500 adjustment has been made to the budget to reflect an increase in insurance costs. There is a \$1500 fee to allow people to pay on line with a credit card. Two replacements will be needed for the Board.
- c. Stewardship: Pledge numbers will be available by the end of the week.

- d. Worship: Plans are underway for the Christmas Eve service. A letter will go out tomorrow offering the opportunity to give a Christmas donation to the church. On January 7, the decorations will be taken down.
- e. Technology: Aaron put the finishing touches on the website. Council members are asked to check the Contacts page and send an email to themselves to check them.
- f. Missions: Luke made name tags for DANN seniors. Gifts will be brought in on December 17. Eleven care packages were sent to college students. Dawn helped distribute children's Christmas gifts for DANN. On December 17, there will be nativity painting. Proceeds will go to Orion.
- g. Sunday School: The children's Christmas program is this Sunday and the kids are ready.
- h. It is anticipated that three new members will be joining soon.
- i. Nominating Committee: the names of four nominees for new ministry team chairs were shared.

Closing prayer: Pastor Craig

Next meeting: January 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice