Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes,
March 11, 2025

Present: Dwight Mueller, Nancy Nader, Caitlin Mountford, Mat Stack, Shane Schweppe, Pastor Tammy Martens, Lori Newlun, Jon Whitcomb, Kim Sundeen, Luann Adams, Joan Rice

1. Opening Devotional: Pastor Tammy Martens

2. Minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report: The following balances were reported: checking $53,075, undesignated memorials $109,657, designated memorials $13,419, scholarships $58,678 and other reserves $51,564. Kim shared a handout that described the advantages and disadvantages of various accounting platforms. Discussion will continue.

4. Moderator's Report: Kala has established a system for scheduling people to count the offerings. Dwight explained the following process for creating the agenda: Dwight, Joan and Tammy meet monthly to review old business that needs follow-up and to identify and prioritize new business. Council members are welcome to suggest agenda items, but they may be postponed to a later meeting. Joan will add a section to the agenda to list proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

5. Pastor's Report: Tammy met with 4 members of the last search team. She shared challenges that they experienced. These insights will be helpful in preparing the next search team. Restorative Conversations will be held on April 5, from 9-noon, followed by a catered lunch. Jay Wittmeyer, from the Mennonite Peace Center, will facilitate the conversations. The estimate came in well under budget. There will be a Holy Week Walk on Palm Sunday. There will be 8 stories shared at stations. Members of the congregation will participate in the dramatizations. On Maundy Thursday there will be in-home dinners in lieu of a service at church. Liturgy related to the Last Supper will be provided for use at the dinners. There will be a Good Friday service at 6:00 and one Easter service at 10:30.

6. Old Business

    - Joan shared the top norms that were voted on by Council members. Joan will ask Kala to make a sign so that they can be posted.

Joan moved that the norms be approved as revised. Nancy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dwight moved that memorial funds be used to pay for costs associated with Restorative Conversations. Mat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. New Business

    - On May 4 there will be a youth panel at 9:15.

- On June 8, there will be a celebration of the Remodeling Project and a discussion on the upcoming mortgage refinancing after the 9:00 worship service, followed by a potluck.
- The last day of Sunday School will be on June 1, with a celebration.
- We will switch to one service at 9:00 on June 8.

8. Committee Reports

    - Stewardship: Luann reported that the 5th Sunday offering in March will be designated to go toward a new furnace. The 5th Sunday offering in June will go to support the Christian Education Coordinator position.
    - Board of Trustees: Mat reported that the Spring Clean-up Day will be on April 26. They are gathering information about mortgage packages from various sources.
    - Worship: Lent and Easter plans are underway. Devotionals have been made available electronically and in paper form. Palms and lilies have been ordered. There is now a welcome message in the bulletin. On Thursdays in Lent the narthex will be open for prayer and meditation. David Schipper and David Norby will provide music.
    - Missions: Shane reported that we will have a food drive in April. Shopping carts will be placed near the entrances. Zoe and Grace will put up posters. They will distribute leaflets around the neighborhood to promote the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Shane will look into advertising on area digital signs. Shelter from the Storm will host a Spring Clean-up Day. Sign-up sheets will be set out. OGHS will be on March 23.
    - Technology: Jon reported that they met with Dwight and Kim to discuss technology needs. On March 24 the website will move from Aaron's account to a church account. Workstations need updating. Replacing the office computer will be the first priority. They will look at an annual cycle for updating machines.
    - Christian Education: Caitlin reported that they had a teacher meeting. Teachers feel that things are going well and that the children are learning. Over the summer, there will be opportunities to make or purchase materials. The children will make decorations for the Chicken and Biscuit dinner. They are recording volunteer activities on a Let Your Light Shine poster.
    - Congregational Life: Nancy reported that the Lenten suppers will begin on March 12. They will provide cookies for Palm Sunday.

9. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: April 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice

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