

Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes
May 9, 2023

Present: Bob Mutton, Nancy Nader, Darrin Leonhart, Nancy Martin, Bill Ridgely, Matt Sutherland, Dawn Collins, Jon Rouse, Vicki Janisch

1. Opening Devotional: Bob Mutton
2. Minutes of the April 11 meeting were reviewed. Approved with one edit from Nancy Martin- Change worship item b to: "Plans (currently on hold) for a new pulpit, baptismal font, and possible extensions of the altar tabletop will be revisited in the coming months."
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. No comments on the budget summary Joan sent
 - b. Dwight Mueller was absent during the council meeting.
4. Moderator's Report
 - a. We will be switching from 2 services to 9:00 service from Labor Day until Rally Sunday.
 - b. Question was asked about meeting every month during the summer and will revisit at the next council meeting.
5. Council opted not to host a discussion for Sunday morning Get Together as it falls on Mother's Day. Will be looking to host possibly after June 4th's service. These meetings have been a great opportunity to listen vs. a set agenda to speak to.
6. The New Covenant Giving Campaign kicked off May 7 and will run through June 4. The current total is \$11,660 with progress toward the \$50,000 goal. A cake and ice cream celebration is being planned for June 4th following worship.
7. Committee Reports
 - Board of Trustees
 - a. Spring cleanup around the church still needs to be done in hope that it will be completed by mid-month. Work was also being done the day of council meeting to divert the water away from the church where we have seen significant water damage from the foundation on the south side of the building.
 - b. The committee met to see how they can control expenses within the budget (examples: property insurance, liability insurance, cleaning fees) as it is always worth reviewing.
 - c. Bill Ridgely moved that the usage fees and liability insurance policies be reviewed, approved by the trustees, and presented to the council for final approval. Dawn seconded the motion. There were no objections.
 - a. There was a great conversation regarding the use of the building for outside groups and liability coverage as well as the idea of a sliding scale of fees associated with using the church facilities. (The primary concern is liability insurance). These recommendations will not include the wedding and funeral policies that Susan, Lori

and Nancy Martin will be meeting to address at a later date. Groups who use the church can coordinate through Bill.

- d. Dwight obtained an additional credit card which will have a sign-out procedure. The board of trustees will develop a policy and accountability process for billing.
- e. Additional items to note:
 - a. Art's Electric will be putting in AC in the coming months.
 - b. Andy Mountford is developing a maintenance plan for the church.
- Christian Education/Mission
 - a. Birthday Bags will now be overseen by the Mission Committee. This is a successful program through the food pantry which had previously been overseen by Denny and Deni Dobson.
 - b. Sunday School will conclude on May 21 with a celebration and coffee hour planned for after service.
 - c. Seventh and Eighth graders will be confirmed on May 28.
- Worship
 - a. On Father's Day – June 18 - there will be an outdoor service and potluck.
- Congregational Life
 - a. Had a great turnout for the IED training – 11 people in attendance
- Technology
 - a. The new website was reviewed and the council had a really great conversation about the content, how easy it was to navigate, and was excited to move forward. There is no "go live date" at this time.
 - b. Working on syncing (mirroring) the in-service worship slideshow and the iPad
- Music
 - a. Tech/Soundboard will need recruitment and training over the summer to increase volunteers
 - b. The Ukulele Choir performed on April 21 and was a lot of fun, looking for ways to encourage more participation/lessons over the summer.
 - c. The committee is creating a Spotify Playlist so members can enjoy music outside of worship.
- Stewardship
 - a. Stewardship deployed the New Covenant Giving Campaign on May 7 and will run through June 4. The goal is \$50,000 based on the 2023 deficit and anticipated 2023 shortfall to pledge giving. A mailing, series of emails and reminders during worship have everyone optimistic and excited about the campaign efforts.
 - b. Leonhart's will be on vacation on Memorial Day (Gene Nadar will cover the giving update that week)
 - c. Additional Projects in the works:
 - i. New Covenant Video
 - ii. Organizational Chart
 - iii. Communication Policy (?) or standardized communication practices
 - iv. Future planning starts in July for Fall Festival

8. Closing Prayer: Bob Mutton

Next meeting: June 16, 2023

Important Dates:

- Confirmation Sunday – May 28, 2023
- New Covenant Giving Campaign Close – June 4, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Janisch