

Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes  
July 11, 2023

Present: Bob Mutton, Nancy Nader, Nancy Martin, Bill Ridgely, Matt Sutherland, Dwight Mueller, Jon Rouse, Pastor Craig Jan McMahon, Joan Rice

1. Opening Devotional: Bob Mutton
2. Minutes of the June 13 meeting were reviewed. No objections were noted.
3. ONA (Open and Affirming): There was extensive discussion about the advisability of proceeding with the process. Some of the points raised were:
  - a. Adopting ONA doesn't change what is allowed or prohibited
  - b. It may increase conflict in the church
  - c. There may not be benefits to the church by proceeding
  - d. An advantage to proceeding is to be clear that everyone is welcomed
  - e. It will be important to figure out how to have the conversation
  - f. Some in the congregation will be surprised if we don't proceed because the topic has already been raised
  - g. Conversation is about education. Want to be part of a church that welcomes and affirms everyone
  - h. It is a discussion we should have as a church
  - i. The question is how to have the discussion
  - j. How to have the discussion is the question
  - k. The discussion was put on hold until the next meeting. Council members were asked to think about it and talk with others in the congregation.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - a. The revenue for June was \$16,210. Expenses were nearly \$41,000.
5. Moderator's Report
  - a. Darrin Leonhart and his family have withdrawn from Windsor UCC.
6. Pastor's Report
  - a. Pastor Craig reported that he was shocked, disappointed and deeply saddened by the Leonhart's withdrawal from church.
  - b. He has been visiting shut-ins, especially Mary Snyder, who is in her final days. The Council was asked to keep Dawn and all of the Snyder family in their prayers.
  - c. He is continuing his study of Genesis and is taking Fridays for studying and writing.

## 7. Committee Reports

- Congregational Life
  - a. There will be a gathering at Octopi this Thursday from 6:00-8:00.
  - b. Susan is still working on updating the membership list and nametags.
  - c. The card ministry meets monthly and cards have been appreciated.
  - d. The Father's Day outdoor service was well attended.
  - e. They are working with Lori Newlun on weddings and funerals.
- Christian Education
  - a. Jon is meeting with Craig tomorrow to work on the Sunday School calendar and brainstorm about what Sunday School should look like., including curriculum.
- Worship
  - a. They are working on a description for the website.
- Technology
  - a. Work continues on the new website.
  - b. Matt will share the new website next Sunday at the discussion following worship.
- Music
  - a. They are looking into new songs for the coming year.
  - b. John Whitcomb is welcome as the new bassist.
  - c. Orin Myer, an accomplished drummer, will be playing with the band.
- Fall Festival
  - a. Dwight will talk with John Stravinski about how to proceed.
- Board of Trustees
  - a. A new baby changing station, donated by Char Palm, has been assembled in the women's downstairs lounge.
  - b. A new air conditioner was installed at a cost of \$6,100.
  - c. They will get estimates from contractors to enlarge the opening to the furnace and air conditioning units.
  - d. Bill reviewed the OCWM Resolution that was shared with Council. There are Basic Support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, the Christmas Fund, and Strengthening the Church.
  - e. He recommends a special offering this year for Basic Support.

There was a motion by Bill Ridgely that we adopt the OCWM Resolution as modified by deletion of reference for the 2024 budget. Nancy Nader seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- f. The proposed amendment to the Constitution will be presented a special congregational meeting.

8. Closing Prayer: Pastor Craig

Next meeting: August 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Rice