Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes
April 11, 2023

Present: Bob Mutton, Nancy Nader, Darrin Leonhart, Nancy Martin, Bill Ridgely, Matt Sutherland, Dwight Mueller, Jon Rouse, Joan Rice

1. Opening Devotional: Bob Mutton

2. Minutes of the March 14 meeting were reviewed. No objections were noted.

3. Treasurer's Report

   a. The balance sheet was reviewed. The checkbook balance has decreased.
   b. The operating budget was reviewed. February finished with a deficit of about $6,000. We have been dipping into the legacy fund. We will need a capital campaign, probably in May. Multiple modes of communication will be required, including face to face, mailings, weekly updates and social media.

4. Moderator's Report

   a. The Council retreat has been rescheduled to Saturday April 29 from 9:00 to noon at church. Lunch will follow.
   b. The Retreat agenda will include introductions, with the goal of getting to know each other at a deeper level, a review of the past year (what went well and what not so well), goals for the coming year, and an introduction to the Open and Affirming process.

5. The March 19 informational get together to discuss the financial needs of the church was well received. Feedback indicated that members will meet the challenge. There is a need to continue planning a campaign to increase contributions in an ongoing way. The next informational get together will be on April 30.

6. Committee Reports

   - Board of Trustees
     a. The AED machine has been brought up to code and is now functional. An orientation session has been scheduled for April 16. The fire department will do a brief introduction to AED, CPR and CCR on May 4 at 4:00 pm.
     b. Bill Ridgely moved that the Finance Policy, approved by the trustees and forwarded to the council in February, be approved. Darrin seconded the motion. There were no objections. The policy was adopted but will be discussed further at the next council meeting.
     c. The church has 3 credit cards (Craig, Bill and David S). There are times when an additional credit card would be useful. The Trustees approved the acquisition of an additional card.
     d. The foundation on the south side of the building is leaking. There is $14,000 in the building reserve fund. Council agreed that $10,000 be used to hire an engineering firm to assess the problem.

   - Christian Education

a. Sunday School will conclude on May 21. Curriculum has been ordered for the remainder of the year.
b. Seventh and Eighth graders will be confirmed on May 29.

- Worship
  a. On Father's Day there will be an outdoor service and pot luck.
  b. The construction of a new pulpit and alter table is on hold.

- Congregational Life

  a. They will meet on April 18.

- Technology
  a. They will meet tomorrow.

- Music
  a. The Easter and Lenten services went well. The music was excellent.
  b. They have been working hard on preparing the slides for worship.

- Stewardship
  - Stewardship will begin planning for a mid-year Stewardship campaign, based on feedback from the congregational get together on March 19th.
  - The campaign will be likely held during the month of May, barring a few planning particulars.
  - The mid-year campaign will focus on a set dollar amount to address lingering operating budget shortfalls that were initially identified in the 2023 Annual Meeting.
  - The campaign target for launch will be end of April.

7. Closing Prayer: Bob Mutton

Next meeting: May 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rice