

Windsor United Church of Christ Council Minutes
October 10, 2023

Present: Bob Mutton, Nancy Nader, David Schipper, Nancy Martin, Jon Rouse, Matt Sutherland, Pastor Craig Jan-McMahon, Bill Ridgely, Dawn Collins, Dwight Mueller, Luann Adams filling in for Joan Rice.

Visitors also present: Charma Kelsey and Sandra Wilke

1. Opening Devotional: Bob Mutton
2. Minutes of the September 12 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.
3. Treasurer's Report: Dwight Mueller reported that there is currently about a \$25,000 surplus. He also reported that while no final numbers are available, the Fall Festival grossed around \$4000, serving 161 meals. The results are down from last year perhaps due to a late start in preparing for the festival.
4. Moderator's Report: Bob Mutton is currently seeking names for the positions of Vice Moderator and Stewardship Chairperson.
5. Pastor's Report: Pastor Craig reported that he is catching up from two weeks of vacation. He will be focusing on stewardship over the next weeks. He will be presenting Bibles to the 3rd grade Sunday School class on October 15.
6. Committee Reports:
 - Congregational Life: Nancy Nader provided minutes of the group's September 14 meeting. She reported that the lanyards for ushers, greeters and hosts are moving forward. Also, Jon Rouse will work with Pastor Craig on the acolyte role and training with third and fourth graders. Susan Norby and Julie Davis are updating the active member list used for determining a quorum for voting. Discussion is ongoing regarding a monitor for the narthex that could scroll slides about events, service opportunities, dates, photos, etc. The card ministry is going well. The Springwater Bottling costs have transferred to Building and Grounds. A second Christmas Lights Tour Bus is set for December 5. Cake will be provided on Commitment Sunday, December 10.
 - Worship Committee: Will be meeting October 17. The Usher list has been updated. A list of available resources is being developed, and candles will be ordered for Christmas.

- Technology: Will be meeting on October 18. The new Website is up and is receiving positive feedback. A couple of options on the site need tweaking, including the connection to the council minutes. A chat feature may be available in the future. Jay Hoffman withdrew from the committee.
- Fall Festival: Dwight gave kudos to many people, particularly Cathy Boebel who cleaned the kitchen. All acknowledged that there would not be a Fall Festival without Dwight and his wife and that the Festival is good community outreach. However, with a low number of volunteers, we may need to revisit other options for the future.
- Mission: Dawn reported that we had 3 tables at the Food for Kids event with a great turnout of youth who had a good time. A Lock-in is being planned. Dawn shared a personal hurt regarding the death of her mother.
- Christian Education: Jon reported good attendance at the open house. They are looking for help with the Christmas program. Jon spoke with each teacher one-on-one about having only one service. All agreed that they could work with that.
- Music: David reported that he is using the same music for both services and having the songs be scripture based. David Norby's sisters, Carol and Louise, repaired the piano cover. Mr. Sundeen is working on a sound board.
- Board of Trustees: A preliminary budget was distributed and discussed. Bill is asking each committee to prepare a narrative, explaining the need for the funds requested for its budget. We must emphasize that the Covenant giving must become permanent for the church to meet its budget. A final budget will be ready by the November meeting. -- Bill moved that the \$15,000 memorial donation of the Snyder Family Trust Executors be accepted, and credited as follows: \$7,500 in fund 8655 – the Kinsey-Fix-Bass scholarship fund, and \$7,500 in fund 4505 – the memorial fund. Further, that the \$7,500 in the memorial fund (4505) be dispersed on November 15, 2023, to the Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter in Portage, Wisconsin. Further, that the council secretary provide written acknowledgement of this acceptance and action by the council to the Snyder Family Trust Executors, Dawn Collins and Debbie Gorzek, as requested. Dawn Collins seconded the motion. And the motion passed. – Bill reported that the current representative to DANN resigned. After a brief discussion, Dawn Collins volunteered to be the new representative. Nancy moved that we accept Dawn to serve on DANN and Jon Rouse seconded it. The motion passed. – Bill read an email regarding the Christians in the Gaza Strip. – We are waiting on Degnan Enterprise to widen the area with the HVAC unit. An elevator inspection is due.

7. Mission and Vision: We are waiting for movement regarding an independent consultant to help with writing our Vision/Mission Statement.

8. Closing prayer: Pastor Craig