

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

<u>Present:</u>		<u>Absent:</u>	
Pastor	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Sandy Polarek		
Vice Moderator	Jeff Gibson		
Treasurer	Jeff Carels		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Deb Rose		
Gifts & Memorials		Nicole Polarek	
Inreach	Heather Collins		
New Member		Steve Jones	
Outreach	Christie Reese		
Stewardship	David Thie		
Worship	Virginia Riggs		
Communications Coordinator	Nicole Kinjerski		
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)	Jaimie Vergeisen		

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: One

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Heather Collins read a poem.

Open Forum: None.

Senior Minister's Report: Bridget happy to report that the Nominating Committee has been busy. There are still a couple of openings, but Phil Enscoe has agreed to co-chair Gifts & Memorials (investment side) and Julie Macier has agreed to serve as our representative on EPH. A social worker at Green Bay Veterans Manor is looking for folks to sponsor a Thanksgiving dinner for about 40 people at the Veterans Manor residence. Bridget's thought is that Common Ministry could lead this project. Christie and Heather agreed to co-chair. She also updated Common Ministry on pulpit supply plans for a couple of upcoming Sundays when she will be unavailable.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of August 8, 2017 were approved. (Heather/Jeff G.)

Correspondence: None.

Gail will be gone for the November meeting. Either Jeff Gibson or Nicole Kinjerski will fill in.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Carels distributed his usual report. Summer month income is usually low, and August was no exception. Expenses are at 95%. Jeff's report was approved. (Deb/Jeff G) Jeff then passed around a draft budget proposal for discussion. Let him know if your ministry budget needs adjustment.

New Business

- Northeast Association Annual Meeting Planning (April 28, 2018): Our Church is hosting. We will need a small team of 2-3 people to organize. Responsibilities include serving lunch for 125 (\$1200 budget); morning hospitality (coffee, etc); ushering and welcoming as people arrive. The Choir and music staff will be participating, and there will be communion. Gail & Heather volunteered to help out.

Continuing Business

- Volunteer for Opening Prayer in October: Virginia.
- EMC Update: Letter will go out on 10/6. Kickoff is on the 10/8. Dedication is set for 11/12, and results will be reported to the Congregation on 11/19. The follow up team will be operating. Target is \$375,000 in pledges. The theme is "Living in Grace, Giving with Gratitude". Nicole Kinjerski will talk to the Communications Team about the potential of a graphic.
- AP Update: The Search Committee has been interviewing candidates. Common Ministry was reminded that we agreed the opening can be filled by either an ordained or a lay person. Candidates have given positive feedback on our profile. The team works hard but they are enjoying their work together.
- Immigration Advocacy Team Update: The planned survey has been delayed but will be available later this week. Bridget mentioned the note in the newsletter about contacting our representatives about DACA.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update – The WI-FI is up and running with 4 access points in the building Jeff Gibson plans to use an existing extender to improve signal in the two classrooms at the top of the stairs. Sanctuary access is separate with a non-public password.
- Memorial Garden Follow-up: Gail, Heather, Phil and Bob will meet tomorrow.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION

The Open House last Sunday was really fun and we have a nice increase in participation in both the younger and older groups.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Phil Enscoe is joining the Ministry. They are currently working on a grant request.

INREACH

12th Night is planned for January 5. Heather moved on behalf of Inreach that we again hold the event at the Church and allow for serving beer and wine at the event. Approved. Thanks for the potluck on Sunday, Inreach was represented by Susan Kleis, who was grateful for those who stayed to clean up.

NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

Meetings will be Oct 12 at 7 pm and Oct 18 at 5:30 pm (meal). 10/29 will be New Member Sundae, a Dessert potluck.

OUTREACH

10/1: Neighbors in Need offering.

10/15: Heifer (Led by Jean Smithback and Elizabeth Delvaux)

11/5: Service Sunday: Sites in the community are being arranged as well as some activities that can be done at Church. Nursery will be available.

The family in Jubilee House has moved. The house is in excellent condition and well taken care of by the family, but a few volunteers will make up the beds and put up curtains for the new tenant expected on 10/1. They are hopefully moving closer to finding a new coordinator for Jubilee

STEWARDSHIP

Julie Macier will be working with EPH, so she is resigning as the garden coordinator. A replacement will need to be found by spring. Many thanks to Julie for many years of dedication to the garden. Found a

contractor to re-seat the Memorial Garden wall stones for \$250 yet this fall. Street aprons will be poured soon. All sewer and water pipes are buried.

WORSHIP

Communion will be in the pews on Oct. 8. November's Communion will be served by intinction as people leave for their Service Sunday work.

Communications: Sign re-work still in the works.

Thanks for Jeff Carels for treats.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (Jeff Gibson/David)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: October 10, 2017 – 6:30 PM -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

Common Ministry Meetings	Gathering Prayer	Treats
10/10/17	Virginia Riggs	Jeff Gibson
11/14/17	Bridget Flad Daniels	Christie Reese
12/12/17	Lou Norsetter	Deb Rose
1/9/2018	Sandy Polarek	Nicole Kinjerski