

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

Present:

Absent:

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels Jon Pahl		
Moderator	Sandy Polarek		
Vice Moderator	Stacie Christian		
Treasurer		Jeff Gibson	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education		Nancy Gibson	
Gifts & Memorials		Nicole Polarek Phil Enscoe	
Inreach	Heather Collins		
New Member		Nicole Kinjerski	
Outreach	Christie Reese	Achim Siefert	
Stewardship	Jammie VerGiesen		
Worship	Betty Bienash		
Communications Coordinator		Avonelle Weist	
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)			

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. She reviewed some shared Common Ministry practices such as opening prayer, treats, as well as how minutes should be shared. The goal would be to have them distributed to Common Ministry members before the next Common Ministry meeting so there is no need to re-hash minutes there. Use your time there for items needing updates or discussion.

Additions to the Agenda:

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Christie read a poem.

Open Forum: None.

Ministers' Reports:

Bridget gave thanks for a great annual meeting and for those who came to the Black History Month exhibit. There may be a June 1 bus trip to Gospel Fest at Millennium Park in Chicago, continuing our collaborations with Divine Temple Church of God in Christ. This is the 20th anniversary year of Union becoming ONA. We need to plan how to celebrate. Bridget distributed her schedule through September. The next congregational quarterly meeting will be April 28.

Jon reported that a Jazz ministry team has been formed including representatives from the Worship and Outreach Ministries as well as some outside folks. Others will be invited to participate. We are still waiting for the response to the Calvin Seminary Worshiping in New Ways grant proposal. He is currently working on 3 initiatives: (1) Bringing Partners for Sacred Places to Green Bay, which helps sacred buildings maximize their physical assets; (2) a Greater

Green Bay Community Foundation planning grant for the Brain Center of Green Bay around the intersection of spirituality and health; and (3) a pared-down Lilly Foundation grant to administer the program of interns from secular disciplines to support the churches' operations. He would like to hear other ideas from members of the Congregation. Wednesdays during Lent will feature Dinner Church, which will include a dinner with some guided questions, recorded music and prayer during the normal dinner time before PF/YCA and Seminary Secrets.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of January 10, 2019 were approved. (Heather/Jammie)
Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to Common Ministry for review.

Treasurer's Report

Jammie reported for Jeff. Income is off to a good start this year. Expenses were less than budget. Approved. (Christie/Heather)

New Business

- 2019 Prayer and Treats: List was distributed.
- UWGB LGBTQ Health Fair March 6: Sandy requested volunteers for shifts. Betty will talk to a couple of folks to see if they can participate. Stacie noted that Pride will be July at the Brown County Fairgrounds.
- Wisconsin Conference Delegates – April 5-6, Wisconsin Dells: Need 2 delegates. Jon will be one delegate. Stacie will check with one likely candidate.
- General Synod – Milwaukee June 21- 25. Volunteers are needed. A sign-up list will be posted. Bridget would like organize a bus for a day trip.
- Annual Banking and Housing Resolutions: The following resolutions were approved (Betty/Heather):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- Bridget Flad Daniels, Senior Pastor, Jeff Gibson, Treasurer, and Winnie Hutjens, Financial Secretary, of Union Congregational United Church of Christ ("Church") are hereby authorized to make withdrawals from the Church's line of credit account (#87006726001) with Associated Bank, N.A. ("Bank) and all such persons are granted access to all information and records pertaining to such account; and
- Bridget Flad Daniels, Senior Pastor, Jeff Gibson, Treasurer, Sandy Polarek, Moderator, and Jammie VerGiesen, Stewardship Ministry Chair, of the Church are authorized to sign checks and make withdrawals from the Church's checking account (#089510587) and money market account (#2227066251) with the Bank and all such persons are granted access to all information and records pertaining to such account; and
- Bridget Flad Daniels, Senior Pastor, and either Sandy Polarek, Moderator, Jammie VerGiesen, Stewardship Ministry Chairperson, or Jeff Gibson, Treasurer, are hereby authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered, or hereafter registered in the name of Union Congregational United Church of Christ; and Winifred E. Hutjens, Financial Secretary, is granted access to all information and records pertaining to such stocks, bonds or other securities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Bridget Flad Daniels, Senior Pastor, and either Sandy Polarek, Moderator, Jammie VerGiesen, Stewardship Ministry Chairperson, or Jeff Gibson, Treasurer, are hereby authorized to sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds,

or other securities now registered, or hereafter registered in the name of Union Congregational United Church of Christ; and

Winnie Hutjens, Financial Secretary is granted access to all information and records pertaining to such stocks, bonds or other securities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Bridget Flad Daniels, Senior Pastor, is hereby authorized to sign checks and make withdrawals from the Church's checking account (#000008015007) with U.S. Bank, and is granted access to all information and records pertaining to such account.

AND FURTHER,

Whereas, Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a minister of the gospel to exclude from gross income (in computing federal income taxes) a church-designated allowance paid to him as part of his compensation to the extent used by him for actual expenses in owning or renting a home; and
Whereas, the Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels is compensated by Union Congregational United Church of Christ exclusively for the services as a minister of the gospel; and
Whereas, Union Congregational United Church of Christ does not provide the Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels with a parsonage, therefore, it is hereby resolved that: the total compensation for housing and salary paid to the Rev. Bridget Flad Daniels for calendar year 2019 shall be \$75,013 of which \$32,256 (43%) is hereby designated to be a housing allowance, and the designation of \$32,256 as a housing allowance shall apply to calendar year 2019 and all future years unless otherwise provided.

Continuing Business

- Sex Offender Policy Update: Bridget is connecting with colleagues to get best practices from them. Christie is working with her and Stacie offered to help.
- Pictorial Directory Update: Heather has agreed to coordinate. She has been in contact with 2 studios and hopes to have a report/plan soon.
- JOSHUA Block Party June 15 Update: Looking for a congregation member to work on the coordinating committee.
- Immigration Advocacy Team Update: Jon reported the team has met and has arranged 2 keynotes and 6 workshops for the upcoming event (May 4, 8:30-1:30) which already has 4 registrants.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: No Report.
- Memorial Garden Update: No Report.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION

No additions.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Winnie has created a new disbursement request form so she gets all the appropriate information to make payments.

INREACH/NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

Heather mentioned that the Easter Breakfast will be held again this year. Help will be needed for cooking on Saturday and serving and cleanup on Sunday.

OUTREACH

No additions.

STEWARDSHIP

Working on a parking policy for the Church parking lot and an alcohol policy. We have received a Catalyst grant for repurposing of the YCA room to be used as space for Community Engagement / non-profit incubator space. There is a need to have a more comprehensive discussion about the repurposing plan.

WORSHIP

No additions. Still looking for a head usher. Seong and Jason have arranged for a cantata before the Good Friday service.

Communications: No report.

Adjournment

Thank you to Gail for treats tonight!

After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (Christie/Heather)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: (moved to) March 7, 2019 – 6:00 PM -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

Common Ministry Meetings	Gathering Prayer	Treats
March 14	Jammie	Heather
April 11		
May 9		
June 13		
August 8		
September 12		
October 10		
November 14		
December 12		
January 9		