

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2019**

<u>Present:</u>		<u>Absent:</u>	
Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels	Jon Pahl	
Moderator	Sandy Polarek		
Vice Moderator	Jeff Gibson		
Treasurer		Jeff Carels	
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Nancy Gibson		
Gifts & Memorials		Nicole Polarek Phil Enscoe	
Inreach	Heather Collins		
New Member		Nicole Kinjerski	
Outreach	Christie Reese	Lou Norsetter	
Stewardship	Jammie VerGiesen		
Worship		Virginia Riggs	
Communications Coordinator			
Talents & Gifts			
Guest(s)			

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Sandy

Open Forum: None.

Ministers' Reports:

Bridget: Xmas went beautifully. Extra services fulfilled some deep needs. There were heightened pastoral care for persons in need during the holidays, both inside and outside the church. The office staff has been working hard. On February 6 from 5-8 pm Sharon Harper from the Divine Temple will display her Black History Month posters displayed at our church. All are encouraged to attend and it will be the YCA program.

Jon: (by written report) Grant request to Calvin College for Jazz Worship has been submitted. We should know by early May.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of December 13, 2018 were approved. (Christie/Jammie). Thank you note from Winnie was read.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff Carels provided a written report. December giving was high. 2018 expenses were about \$14,000 below budget. We ended the year with a \$10,989 deficit (which is \$22,050 less than the projected deficit. We still have about \$55,000 in surplus going into 2019. Approved. (Jammie/Heather).

New Business

- February Prayer and Treats: Gail will bring February treats and Christie will do the prayer.
- Annual Meeting: Need clean-up help for the potluck. Ministry chairs should be prepared to name a hope they have for their ministry for 2019. Please do not restate what is in your written report.
- Sex Offender Policy: Christie volunteered to assist Bridget in developing a policy.

Continuing Business

- Nominating Committee Update: Bridget reported that nom doing well. The Vice Moderator role is the only position needing to be filled.
- 2019 Budget Proposal: Bridget distributed a revised proposed budget on behalf of Jeff Carels and reviewed the revisions. Pledge income is expected to be about a bit more than \$340,000 which is about \$7,000 short of the proposed budget Motion to recommend the budget to the Annual Meeting. Approved. (Jeff G./Jammie)
- Pictorial Directory Update: No change.
- JOSHUA Block Party June 15 Update: JOSHUA would like someone from Union on Block Party planning team. Christie will make request at the next Outreach meeting.
- Stewardship/Pledge Campaign Update: See above.
- Organ Repair Update: Repair is currently in progress. Think they will be done by tonight and tune tomorrow and/or Saturday. Thanks to the folks who have done a lot of work to get the space ready.
- 2018 Budget Fundraising Updates: Christmas tree sales netted about \$2,000. It was successful and a wonderful experience. Wreaths sold out within the first week. A few people made a significant time commitment and we are going to need to broaden the manpower commitment next year.
- Immigration Advocacy Team Update: Noel Anderson, the UCC Coord for Immigrants Rights and Gabriella Parra, a Milwaukee immigration lawyer who works closely with Voces de la Frontera will be the keynote speakers at the May 4 event.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: Jeff G. continues to work to improve the wi-fi. An extender has been installed so Mayflower rooms have access. Original access point will be relocated by elevator which will provide better connectivity for the Nursery, English Room and YCA room. We have a second projector. Jeff is working to ensure it is functional.
- Memorial Garden Update: No Update.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION: No Additions.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS: Gifts and Memorials recommends approving a grant of \$4,000 to Mayflower Nursery School to be used for scholarships. Approved. (Heather/Christie)
Gifts and Memorials recommends we authorize payment of up to \$1,700 for repair or replacement of trailer windows for a family identified through Casa Alba. Approved. (Christie/Nancy)

INREACH/ NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP: No additions.

OUTREACH: No additions.

STEWARDSHIP: Working on a parking policy. Has a goal of developing an alcohol in the church policy this year.

WORSHIP: Need to recruit a new Head Usher.

Communications:

Adjournment after Prayer 7:37 pm (Heather/Jammie)

Thank you to Nancy for treats tonight!

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: February 14, 2018 – 6:00 PM -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

Common Ministry Meetings	Gathering Prayer	Treats
February 14	Christie	Gail
March 14		
April 10		
May 8		
June 12		
August 8		
September 11		
October 9		
November 13		
December 11		