

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2019**

<u>Present</u>		<u>Absent</u>	
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	Achim Seifert		
Stewardship	Jammie VerGiesen		
Worship	Betty Bienash		
Communications		Avonelle Weist	
Guest(s)			

Moderator Sandy Polarek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda:

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Jon shared a prayer.

Open Forum: None.

Ministers' Reports:

Bridget: Bridget enjoys having more time in the summer with fewer meetings which allows her more time for pastoral visits. Closet cleaning and reorganization continue. The Joy Room is ready to be purged. Banking administrative issues continue to be time-consuming and frustrating. She had a fabulous week of continuing education in the Twin Cities with the Festival of Homiletics. She continues her work with Connections for Mental Wellness, which received a substantial grant to improve the mental health of Brown County. The faith leaders' mental health symposium was very well attended. Bridget has reconstituted Jon's search committee to assist in providing input for his review, and Bridget will work on the other staff reviews this summer. Met with a rep from UCC Pension Boards, which is working on a \$200 million capital campaign, recognizing the anticipated large number of boomer clergy retirements. The funds will go to emergency grants for retired clergy as well as some going toward helping younger clergy financially plan more effectively. This may be a potential Gifts & Memorials grant request in the fall, perhaps structured like the Campital Campaign.

Jon: Jon's license has been renewed for another year by the NEA Church & Ministry Cmte (pending receipt of a couple of documents). The first installment of Jazz Ministry Grant has been received. He will be going to Grand Rapids, MI for a grant workshop June 25-27. In Philadelphia July 3-5. He has been in contact with a global nonprofit, Food for Soul, started by a famous Italian chef. They work with agencies to develop community kitchens by working with chefs to turn expiring food into gourmet meals served to people in need. He is also talking with Partners for Sacred Places.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of May 9 were approved. (Jammie/Heather).

Treasurer's Report

Jammie reported (for Jeff Gibson) that May was a really good month, probably reflecting improved attendance. Revenue is just under budget. Expenses are also under budget. Bridget added we have spent our entire exterior maintenance budget for the year. There will be no summer helper hired this year. We may ask for congregational help for mowing and watering. Motion to accept approved. (Stacie/Betty).

New Business

- Pride Alive July 20: At Brown County Fairgrounds. There is a signup sheet in Union Central for folks to staff the booth, which will be shared in partnership with 4 other congregations.
- Summer Activities: PowWow June 28. Bay Beach supper and social July 17. Lazy River Float on Wolf River August 10. There are a lot of Sunday morning education offerings on tap. Common Ministry was reminded of the June 19 Spirituality of Spirits session at Stillmank.

Continuing Business

- Repurposing Update: Jammie reported that the contractor believes that removing the carpeting in the YCA room will remove the source of mold so no further remediation will be needed. There are no signs of recent water inflow. Several proposals for repurposing costs were considered by Stewardship, and they recommended a proposal from Barton Designs. The bid is all inclusive, and includes furniture, flooring, electrical, etc. He noted the management benefits in working with a single contractor. Jammie reviewed the details of the quote with CM. Bid is within the range originally anticipated. Hope to be fully open in December or January. Brain Center of Green Bay has approved \$12,000 for the first year's rent with a 2-year commitment. 2 or 3 workstations will be available for other agencies anticipated at roughly \$250/month. Stewardship will request a \$20,000 loan from Gifts & Memorials for with the anticipation it would be paid back in 2 years to pay for the repurposing. He noted that we also have a \$2,500 grant from WI Conference for repurposing costs. Motion to approve the project pending Stewardship achieving the proposed funding was approved. (Heather/Achim).
- ONA 20 Years Event: October 18 is the planned date for the event.
- Parking Policy: Jammie distributed a proposed parking policy. He has also distributed it via Google Docs. Please comment by mid-July so that a final document can be presented for approval in August.
- Sex Offender Policy Update: Should be done shortly
- Pictorial Directory Update: There were 117 appointments scheduled. The team is now working on the directory roster.
- Fundraising – Happy Joe's Pizza, other: Happy Joe's fundraiser brought us \$111. Jon mentioned a couple of opportunities through Thrivent.
- JOSHUA Block Party June 15 Update: 11-3. Our parking lot.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: No report.
- Memorial Garden Update: Heather and Gail are planning to meet with the Memorial Garden folks.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION

Education supply room has been cleaned out and turned into the holiday supply room. Will be cleaning classrooms in the next couple of weeks. Looking for teachers and PF leaders and aides. Julie Harder got 2 chalkboards to add to the Chapel Classroom donated from the Baird School demolition.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

INREACH/NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

We welcomed 9 new members on June 2. Picnic was excellent. Planning to work on kitchen organization next Monday.

OUTREACH

Immigration Advocacy has a summary report from the May teach-in. Outreach will talk about topics for a possible teach-in next year topics in August. Habitat build dates are 8/3 and 8/21. Notices will be in the newsletter e-blast, and bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP

Approved a proposal to have an engineering firm do a roof assessment over the organ loft and a proposal to repair the garage roof. Bubbler outside the English Room will be replaced on about the 20th.

WORSHIP

Have a new head usher, Glen Verstegen. Thank you to Susan Forsythe who has handled this responsibility for a long time.

Communications: Avonelle and Bridget are working on a new banner for the front of church. A member donated funds for the banner expenses.

Adjournment

Thank you to Bridget for treats tonight!

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. (Heather/Achim)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: August 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m. -- Chapel Classroom