

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2020**

<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/New Member	Heather Collins		
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 6:02 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Gathering Prayer: Jeff offered the opening prayer.

Open Forum: None.

Ministers' Reports: Bridget has been doing a lot of pastoral care. The lease with the Brain Center has been finalized. It will be the sole tenant of the incubation space for the first 2 years. Holidays were wonderful. Support staff was tremendous throughout. Please take an opportunity to express thanks to them.

Jon reminded us that the adult education focus in the 9 a.m. Sunday hour is the Green Gospel. The plan is to transition from learning to action. The Brain Center Communications Director and Operations Manager will be presenting on the Brain Center. The Jazz Ministry First Responder service coming up 2/1. The next Jazz Ministry service will be during Black History Month on February 17, focused on Protest Jazz.

Clerk's Report

Minutes of the meetings of December 12 were approved. (Heather/Stacie). Thank you note from Winnie was read.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff distributed the December report. Report accepted (Betty/Jammie). Jeff moved we make up the approximate \$16,385 deficit by using that amount from surplus. Jammie seconded. We will start 2020 with about \$19,000 in surplus.

New Business

- Budget/Pledge Campaign: Budget: Jeff distributed an updated budget. He described the changes that were made from the discussion draft distributed Sunday. Bridget reported that we are continuing to get 2020 pledges. Motion to present the budget (with adjustments as well as any minor accounting adjustments that may arise between now and the meeting date) at the Annual Meeting was approved (Jeff/Christie).
- Annual Meeting: Heather distributed a potluck sign-up sheet. Meeting will be in the Sanctuary. Ushers will be needed for microphones and perhaps ballots. Chairs should be prepared to present a short (2 sentence) vision of what they view as the legacy of their ministry. What do you want your ministry to be remembered for in the future?

Continuing Business

- Nominating Committee Update: One opening left is Stewardship Chair. Heather has agreed to serve as Vice Moderator. Denise Olson will Chair Inreach & Membership. Lisa Krueger will be EPH representative and Karen Hogan the Mayflower Liaison.
- Retention and Roll Review: No Report.
- Repurposing Update: Chairs have been put together. Conference table is to be delivered tomorrow. The entire project will be finished very soon.
- Sex Offender Policy Update: No update.
- Fundraising – Christmas Trees/Wreath Sale Wrap-Up: We sold 90 wreaths and 75 trees. Net profit was about \$2,300.
- Tech/AV Task Force Update: No update.
- Memorial Garden Update: No update.

Ministry Updates (if not included in minutes)

EDUCATION

Things are going well.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

The G&M Grants Committee's several questions about the computer change were discussed. Common Ministry will do an electronic vote when G&M makes a recommendation.

Addendum: After their questions were answered, the Gifts & Memorials members agreed to increase the funds needed to purchase computers from the \$4,000 previously approved to \$12,000. They propose that CM approve their recommendation for G&M to fund the computers for the church office for up to \$12,000. The recommendation was approved by an email vote on January 14, 2020.

INREACH/NEW MEMBER/MEMBERSHIP

No report.

OUTREACH

Christie distributed the 6-month outreach calendar.

STEWARDSHIP

Got an updated estimate for the Fellowship Room floor sanding.

WORSHIP

Worship has discussed guidelines for a reaffirmation of baptism and re-naming service.

Communications: No report.

Adjournment (Jammie/Stacie)

Thank you to Stacie for treats tonight!

Many thanks to Jammie and Stacie for their contributions to Common Ministry as they leave their current roles.

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: February 13, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. -- Chapel Classroom

Future Schedule:

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