

**Dunbar United Church of Christ - Minutes of Council Meeting
March 19, 2014**

Dale Long called the meeting to order at 7:38pm, March 19, 2014.

Attendees Present:

Joe Braen, Nancy Braen, Paul Furgalack, Barbara Hamilton, Jeff Hamilton, Dale Long, George Manukas, Meg Nowacki

Motion to accept minutes from February meeting – Jeff Hamilton, Second by Paul Furgalack. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report

- Norm Bendroth will be giving his talk on March 29.
- George and Maria have made three deliveries of baked goods to the food bank from Julia's Bakery.
- George has been meeting with the Liseos.
- Ginny Granquist is doing better and starting to get out more.
- George has been spending a lot of time with the entire Jacques family. Service for Jordan will be Friday, March 21.
- Paul Jacques is having issues with adjustments to his medication but is doing much better.
- George has been meeting with the other pastors in Hamden.
- Confirmation class continues to meet.
- George went on retreat and it went very well.
- Lenten meditation class (every Sunday at 4pm during Lent) is going well and is well attended.

Treasurer's Report

- Pledges were down in February but are back to normal for March.
- Still trying to contact Tracey Energy about the oil contract.
- Gift card program is going well.

Women's Fellowship

- Successful St. Patrick's Day dinner. Raised approx. \$900 which will be split between the Jacques family and the H.O.P.E. initiative. Also \$183 was raised in the 50/50 raffle to go to the Jacques family.
- Application for scholarships is online. Deadline is May 15.

Trustees' Report

- Still working on the rental agreement. Chuck Walter has volunteered to be the Property Use Manager. He and Bob Corona have volunteered to meet people to let them in when the hall is being rented.
- As of April 1, Andrea Maria will no longer be employed as church secretary as her hours at her other job have changed.
- The parish house will be listed by a real estate agent for lease by non-profits.
- Investigating the cost of replacing the valve at the Parish House furnace.
- A new convection oven and dishwasher have been ordered.
- 2014 capital spending report has been submitted (see attached).
- Looking into an alternate/substitute sexton as Victor is still doing rehab.

Deacon's Report

- A donation from the deacon's fund was made to Paul Jacques.
- Coffee hour upstairs didn't go over as well as we thought it would. We're probably not doing that again.
- Paul Furgalack found an old copy of the Deacon's manual and it is currently being merged with the new manual.
- Looking for someone to do chancel while Sandy Kops recovers from knee surgery.
- Need to organize Easter flowers.
- Barbara Larsen and family will made breakfast for Easter sunrise service.
- George will reach out to Shelby to determine when she wants to become a member.

Christian Education Report

- The Berenstain Bear play was awesome. Thanks to a donation from the Bonadies family.
- The 4th through 8th graders are still planning on a trip to the trampoline place but a date has not yet been set.
- Movie Night is planned for April 11th.
- The children have started seeds for the garden. They are currently planning where the garden will be and how large it should be. They are also planning on dividing some of the Hostas for a fund raiser.
- They are trying to come up with a community service project for the confirmation class.

Missions and Concerns

- Donations have been made to St. Ann's Soup Kitchen, The Hamden Fuel Bank, Smilo Cancer Center, and Paul Jacques.

Motion to accept board reports – Jeff Hamilton, Second by Joe Braen. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Electronic Media

- A permanent cable was run from the balcony to the basement so that video can be fed without having to run a cable down the stairs every time.
- Another receiver was ordered as an audio feed into the camera.

Publicity

- Published information about St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Old Business

- St. Patrick's Day dinner
- Grocery store gift cards.

New Business

- There will be a youth run food drive during the Trustees' picnic.
- H.O.P.E. Initiative added to the list of available online donations.
- Capital expenditure plan in progress.
- Could we have a "living" online calendar for the church?

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Next council meeting will be April 16, 2014, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Braen, church clerk