

Meeting Minutes
Peace Leadership Council
March 12, 2018 6:00 PM

Present: Crystal Pariseau, Jennie Carter, Jon Williams, Shannon Hofer, Doug Price, Vicar
Melissa Woeppel, ElizaBeth McCay, John Voight, Elizabeth Stevens, Chris Engel, Sue
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Old Business

1. Minutes from February were reviewed, edited, and approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

1. Pastoral Associate Update (Melissa):

- ❖ There is still a sewage smell in the old hallway, and this needs to be investigated further.
- ❖ Create Peace yesterday had a story-teller; attendance was low. February's Create Peace event collected \$10 gift cards to give to the women of PACEM during the shelter (in addition to other love offerings). The next Create Peace is April 14 and focuses on Earth Day. The final Create Peace in May is about movement (with yoga, TaiChi, etc.).
- ❖ During this time when we do not have a Pastor, the staff would like to hear from council when decisions are made that affect them (such as the passing of the budget).

2. Staff Updates (Jennie):

- ❖ Michelle is donating her time in the nursery, and we are grateful. We need a second person to be present during the children's pull-out time, and maybe Michelle could be that second person. Jennie will check with her.
- ❖ Youth Seventh Day event (5th and 6th graders) was two weeks ago. March 16th is Bishop's Day at St. Mark's, when youth can meet with the Bishop and discuss their personal faith journey.

3. Creation Care Ministry Update (Elizabeth, Doug):

- ❖ A memo was distributed from the team: the energy and lighting audits were done, and the team prioritized action items, which were shown in the memo. If all items are done, the estimate is \$3100. The team is looking for council input on what work should be prioritized and on how the suggested improvements from the audits can be funded. They discussed getting a grant from Thrivent for a work day (\$250 grant), asking for a special offering, and directing building maintenance funds towards this. John suggests prioritizing closing up and insulating the attic space. The team will move forward and keep us informed.

4. Officer/Committee Vacancies (John):

- ❖ We need an assistant treasurer to replace Tim, one audit committee member to replace Daryl, and additional Stewardship members. The nominating committee has a few people in mind for the audit committee, and council had some ideas about Stewardship.

5. Financial update (Chris):

- ❖ The congregational meeting was held this past Sunday, and the 2019 budget was passed with one small amendment, leaving us \$143 in the black. Thanks to John for doing such a fine job in leading the meeting and discussion.
- ❖ We discussed the importance of having a Parliamentarian for future meetings; the council president should make sure there is a parliamentarian for each congregational meeting.
- ❖ February was a good month for giving, almost \$30K in offerings plus building income from the Hollymead Homeowner's Association, for a total of \$36K income; expenses were lower due to pastoral vacancy, so net income \$14K for February.
- ❖ For 2019, we are \$16K in the black so far. We have \$47K in bank, \$31K in restricted funds.
- ❖ Our communications about our financial needs helped; we had several members increase their pledges, and some gave one-time offerings.
- ❖ We agreed to intentionally stay up to date on our Synod benevolence for 2019, but we will not make up for our 2018 shortfall, as John discussed with the Bishop.
- ❖ Last year's local ministries did not get the money we pledged, and we have money in designated funds for AIM, PACEM, Loaves and Fishes, and Love INC. We agreed to have Chris send this money out now.
- ❖ Chris has the final 2019 budget. Staff will be notified of their 2% salary/cost-of-living increase per the approved budget.

6. Updating our constitution:

- ❖ Melissa has the constitution with proposed amendments. Sue will hold the document temporarily.
- ❖ We need more time to compile a comparative document and it will take longer than expected. We will work on this and schedule two constitution reviews this summer or fall for the congregation in preparation for possible adoption of the new model constitution at our next congregational meeting in December.

7. Stewardship Committee: We need a larger group going forward. We brainstormed about who to ask.

8. Interim Pastor: Pastor Wertz has options of an intentional pastor and a part-time pastor for us to consider, and he will discuss with us soon.

9. Annual Report: Sue and Crystal will work on the 2018 report for the congregational meeting.