

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

Devotional, Lighting of the candle, opening prayer

1. Roll Call & Called to Order:

Tom Decker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Jennifer August, Keith Caldwell, Tom Decker, Sally Johnson, Rev. Bill Johnson, Nancy Noreen, Ann Scott, Mark Tabor, Stephanie Tabor, Shari Wesche.

Council Members Absent: John Hansen, Joyce Hansen, Mari Anne Jones

Guests Present: Helene Caldwell

2. Discussion Matters:

a. Budget

- i. 2018 Budget presented and consensus to accept

b. Council Meetings

- i. Meeting schedule – consensus to meet every month
- ii. Meeting information – minutes to posted to website, bulletin board and a copy on file in office.
- iii. Communication – bring information from meeting to congregation.

c. Process to add agenda items

- i. Contact Tom Decker 10 days prior (or sooner) with information to be put into the Council agenda.

d. Retreat

- i. Date: tentative - Saturday, April 14 (backup date is 04/07)
- ii. Time: 9am to 3pm
- iii. Layout: morning session- Council members, afternoon- congregation welcome.
- iv. Format: Spiritual Healing with a Guest Speaker – Pastor Bill contacting.
- v. Cost? Will need to determine & look at options to pay
- vi. Registration: Nancy Noreen & Jennifer August will work on a registration form as soon as date is set. Deadline to register is 04/07 (tentative).

vii. Childcare: Sally Johnson will work with Nancy Noreen to determine childcare needs.

e. Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

3. Radical Hospitality Discussion

a. Chapter One Impressions

- i. We need to “Raise the Bar”
- ii. Tired – a lot of work
- iii. It can be Challenging
- iv. A form of Purposeful Planning
- v. It is everybody’s job
- vi. Welcome Packets
- vii. We need Training in this area
- viii. Approaching Visitors
- ix. Assigned seating- getting members outside their comfort zone

b. What do we do well?

- i. Food & Faith
- ii. Welcome Community
- iii. Child & Adult Friendly
- iv. Providing next meal
- v. Funeral Luncheons
- vi. Food Pantry
- vii. Community Recognition
- viii. Worship for Seniors
- ix. Sunday Service is easy to follow
- x. Great Pastor
- xi. Child Services
- xii. Small Groups
- xiii. Scouts-Community use of building
- xiv. Office is well run
- xv. Kids involved
- xvi. Support each other
- xvii. Prayer Chain
- xviii. Resilient

c. What can we improve on?

- i. Follow up system
- ii. Welcoming
- iii. Intentional outreach
- iv. All the time

- v. Communication
- vi. Short & long term goals
- vii. Attention to the building
- viii. Signage, clutter
- ix. Paint fellowship hall floors
- x. Use of the gym – as a gym
- xi. Equipment – future needs for growing and running systems well.
- xii. Electronic giving
- xiii. Reach out to the next generation
- xiv. Awareness of what is available

Closing Prayer – *Rev. Bill Johnson*

Next Meeting: March 20, 2018 @ 7:00p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer August, Ministry Assistant