

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

Devotional, Lighting of the candle, opening prayer

1. Roll Call & Called to Order:

Tom Decker called the meeting to order at 7:05 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:

2. Discussion Matters:

- a. Holy Listening Retreat @ East Nelson UMC
 - i. Date: tentative - Saturday, April 21
 - ii. Format: Spiritual Healing - Guest Leader Dr. Jerry Toshalis
 - iii. Registration: Forms sent out in bulletin 2 times, will do an email blast and reminders in newsletter & bulletins.
 - iv. Childcare: Sally Johnson has arranged for childcare to be provided @ CSUMC
 - v. Cost: approximately \$300-\$450 plus travel.
 - vi. Lunch: East Nelson UMC is providing lunch at no cost.
 - vii. Snacks: Shari Wesche, Nancy Noreen, Jennifer August will provide some snacks.

- b. Financial Seminar: Attended by some of the council members. Gave an overview of ideas presented.

- c. Treasurer's Report: Presented and placed on file in office.

- d. Grief Share: Tom Decker would like to start this program. Consensus given by council. He is looking into funding – will contact Memorial Committee to discuss.

- e. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

3. Five Practices discussion
 - a. Improvements we can work 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
 - b. Task Forces discussion – 5 short-term groups to concentrate on the Practices. Working on setting up leaders.

Closing Prayer – *Rev. Bill Johnson*
Next Meeting: April 17, 2018 @ 7:00p.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer August, Ministry Assistant