

Minutes from the CSUMC Church Council Meeting held June 28, 2021.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Rose Kempf, who offered a prayer.
2. Members present were Rose Kempf, Dorothy Scott, Nancy Nielsen, Shari Wesche, Art Gerhardt, Mary Brown, Lori Graham, Valerie Drier, and Bonnie Hitchingham.
3. One guest was present, Michelle Vallier.
4. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
5. Reports
 - a. Guest: Michelle Vallier, incoming pastor.
 - b. Christian Ed: Nancy Noreen and Pastor Michelle will discuss Sunday School times and other activities for the fall.
 - c. Finance: Contributions are down somewhat; we need to be careful about what we spend. So far, we are able to meet our expenses.
 - d. Memorials: No report.
 - e. Men's Group: Road clean-up July 17th. Stress that this is a church-wide activity, not just a Men's Group activity.
 - f. Missions: See Chimes. Habitat Trip went well.
 - g. Native American Ministries: No report. Check with Carolyn Davis to see if it's a viable ministry.
 - h. Nominations on Lay Leadership: Needs to meets; has been inactive.
 - i. Outreach/Evangelism: No report.
 - j. SPRC: Val asked Pastor Michelle about meeting people; Pastor plans on making smaller visits. (SPRC meeting followed this one, so this may have been discussed more fully there.)
Lawn mowing: Trustees recommend \$15/hour. Discussion of who is responsible for determining this. Turned over to Trustees and Finance to make this decision.
 - k. Trustees: Mary Brown Trustees need to purchase two changing stations. The Sprinkler inspection noted that the sprinkler in the furnace room is too close to the boiler. There's a leak in the women's restroom between the sink and toilet, a leak in the Food Pantry, and cracks in the foundation. Trustees are addressing these issues.
 - l. UMW: No report.
 - m. Welcome and Care Committee: Hasn't met; no report.
 - n. Worship: Is there a Worship Committee? Pastor Bill started one, but it hasn't met recently.
 - o. Additional: None.
6. General Business Reports:
 - a. We need to find the deed to the church. (Jennifer updated Art- deeds are in church safe)
 - b. The Welcome/Member Care committee needs more help. Greeters fall under them now.
 - c. Children's Time: Janet Scott is on vacation; Pastor Michelle will do it while Janet's gone, but would like to restore the rotation that we had in the past.
 - d. We have \$3, 587 left in the flooring fund. Nancy Nielsen moved that we use the money for the automatic door on the South side of the building, and move any money remaining after that to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Scott, and approved by the Council.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Audit Report: The audit was very thorough, done by someone who audits for churches. Audit is required yearly. Auditor said that church-sponsored groups (UMW, Men's Group,

- Boy Scouts) should also have yearly audits and turn in the reports to the Finance Committee. UMW is audited yearly; discussion on whether that group falls under this rule. Shari Wesche will check with Mari Anne Jones and Betty VanderWal about this.
- b. Church starting time: Straw poll showed an even division on later (10:15) versus earlier (9:30). Tabled discussion of this until a decision is made about Sunday School.
 - c. There was a question about non-electronic communication; Has it been happening? Yes. Jen mails bulletins, Chimes and has visited everyone at least once; others are calling and mailing cards.
8. New Business: None that hasn't already been discussed.
9. Pastor's Report:
- a. Pastor Michelle would like to provide a livestream of the church service, which will then be archived so that it can also be viewed later. This is being looked into. The tech team needs to be expanded.
 - b. The Bishop of the Michigan Conference is forming an anti-racism, anti-bias group.
10. Calendar Check, Closing and Sending Forth
- a. We will not meet in July. The Finance committee will meet July 19th at 5:30 p.m.. The next Church Council will be August 16th at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. Pastor Michelle closed the meeting in prayer.
 - c. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Report Submitted by Bonnie Hitchingham