

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church  
Council Meeting Minutes for September 21, 2020

Opening Devotion – Rose Kempf

Council Member Present: Jennifer August, Keith Caldwell, Carolyn Davis, Dan Davis, Pastor Larry French, Fred Gunnel, Bonnie Hitchingham, Rose Kempf, Sid Kempf, Nancy Nielsen, Nancy Noreen, Ann Scott, Dorothy Scott, Chris Segard, Shari Wesche, Karen Young.

Council Members Absent: Art Gerhardt, Mari Anne Jones, Shirley Neff, Tom Noreen, Chuck Smith.

Guests: Helene Caldwell.

Council Chair, Rose Kempf, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

FINANCE REPORTS:

1. On file with minutes in church office. Finance Chair, Karen Young gave verbal summary.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Parsonage – No response to a Parsonage Committee creation, so at this time Trustees are working on setting up a home inspection and the Mission Team will be involved with discussions about possible uses for parsonage.
2. Reopening Church Task Force – Reopen date set for 09/27/2020 @ 9:30a.m. worship. Finishing safety precautions in church and training for volunteers. Building use is still limited as we are in Phase II of Church Reopening Plan – reminded people to sign in upon entering church building. Touchless Thermometer being used. Another Task Force meeting will be scheduled after some weeks of worship to check status for finalizing & moving to Phase III.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Food Pantry Update - \$43,919 grant received from the Kent County/United Way COVID19 Grant – Items to be purchased with the funds include fresh fruits/vegetables, variety of personal care items, meats, senior/homebound boxes and a van (for pickup/delivery of food items) & funds to cover insurance, gas and maintenance of the vehicle. Trustees can decide about future use of the vehicle for more church related activities (such as Mission Trip). Trustees will create an application for drivers/users of vehicle.
2. Trustees are also working on purchasing a generator for the food pantry/church – to protect the food in case of power failure. Pastor Larry is applying for a grant through UMC for this generator and we have donations towards it from both East Nelson UMC and CSUMC.
3. Treasurer position – advertising for the position has been placed. Have one interested candidate meeting with us next week.

4. Conference – This is a Charge Conference for nominated positions on ZOOM, Saturday, November 7 @ 1:30pm for SPRC and 2:15pm for nominated positions. Paperwork was distributed to chairs and needs to be returned by 10/19/2020 to the office.
5. Committee Updates/Reports –
  - a. Memorials – have assisted with purchase of security cameras, video recording camera package.
  - b. Trustees – are currently getting the security system cameras installed.
  - c. Missions – information in the October Chimes
  - d. Outreach – haven't met since shutdown – no new news
6. Pastor's Report – doing visits to homes by invite only at this time.
7. Calendar: Next meeting is October 19 @ 6:30 p.m. (new time).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer August, Ministry Assistant