

First United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
January 13, 2019

Present: Zac Stombaugh, Bill LaDage, JD Vieregge, John Burnam, Alan Lurkins, Brandi Gathe, Clayton Gathe, Dean Black, Kim Warner, Sue Miller, Rich Well, Kim Well, Reid Well, Ryan Kaiser, Terry Westerfield, and Casey Kistler.

Absent: Amy Vieregge, Gene Schwarm, Patrick Myers, Alexa Campbell, Mike Baker, Pam Baker, and Darrel Casey.

Chairperson Zac Stombaugh called the meeting to order at 11:45a and offered prayer. Zac also gave a devotion.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes from the November meeting were approved as posted on the church's website.

Year-to-date financial statements were reviewed. The statements were accepted and will be filed as presented.

Committee Reports:

Nurture: Chairperson Brandi Gathe reported 70 prayer shawls were given out in 2018. The felt pieces in Communion cupholders will need replaced soon. We still need a chairperson for the Youth Ministries Committee.

Outreach: Chairperson Kim Warner reported beginning this month, we will have a Monthly Mission Moment during worship. This is to inform the congregation on how Outreach funds are being utilized each month. They will discuss more at their next meeting.

Witness: Chairperson Sue Miller said discussion took place on past events. They're looking for feedback on what to continue, what to change/add, and some ideas for new events.

Finance: No report.

United Methodist Men: United Methodist Men President Dean Black reported 347 coats and shoes were given out in December. The Sausage and Pancake Supper will be Thursday, March 14.

Preschool: Chairperson Bill LaDage stated the next Board meeting is Tuesday, January 15.

Lay Leader: No report.

Staff Parish Relations: Chairperson Alan Lurkins reported they are looking for a new Director of Music. Prayers are appreciated and any suggestions may be brought to the Committee.

Trustees: JD Vieregge reported Clayton Gathe is the new Trustee Chair. Dwayne Ritchey will be painting and cleaning the ceiling in the sanctuary in the near future. The old snowblower and hedge trimmer will be sold. Money from the sale will be put back in the Capital Expense fund. Parking blocks will be purchased for the lot with the new garage. The ramp from the street to the garage will be torn out and replaced with a new one. The Trustees will meet every other month.

Early Response Team: Chairperson JD Vieregge reported the team has been to Wisconsin, North Carolina, and most recently, Taylorville. This committee will meet every other month.

Columbarium Committee: No report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry reminded all committee chairs to set up goals for 2019. He would like to receive agendas for committee meetings at least 3 days prior to the meeting so he can look over and add anything that he would like to be included. Minutes from meetings need to be sent to Pastor Terry within a week of the

committee meeting. He will upload them to the Church website. Blanche Dugan has agreed to fill the Director of Music position through the end of the year.

New Business: A devotion schedule was set up for Council for the remainder of the year:

February – Brandi Gathe

March – Kim Warner

April – Sue Miller

May – John Burnam

June – Dean Black

July – Bill LaDage

August – Gene Schwarm

September – Rich & Kim Well

October – Alan Lurkins

November – Clayton Gathe

December – JD Vieregge

With no further business to be brought before the Council, Zac adjourned the meeting at 12:15p.

The next meeting will be on February 10, 2019 at 11:45a in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Casey Kistler