

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Church Council Minutes**  
October 23, 2018

Present: Joe Cearlock, Al Schumacher, Susann Schumacher, Joyce Staff, Bill LaDage, John Burnam, Terry Westerfield, and Casey Kistler.

Absent: JD Vieregge, Amy Vieregge, Gene Schwarm, Alan Lurkins, Calista Eyman, Mike Baker, Patrick Myers, Alexa Campbell, Pam Baker, Sydney Rosborough, Nicholas Rosborough, and Darrel Casey.

Chairperson Joe Cearlock called the meeting to order at 7:10p, and Pastor Terry offered prayer. Joyce Staff gave a devotion.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes from the September 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:** No report.

**Outreach:** Chairperson Joyce Staff reported six individuals went to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, Illinois, on October 11. They helped put together hygiene kits for women that would be sent to different prisons. Joyce purchased 61 backpacks at Menards and received a \$45.00 rebate for them. She will be going back to purchase more.

**Witness:** No report. Their next meeting is on November 13, at 6:00p.

**Finance:** Chairperson John Burnam reported the semi-annual endowment meeting at First National Bank was held earlier today. No changes were made. John praised Jay Joliff at First National Bank, and said he does a very good job of keeping an eye on our invested funds. The Finance Committee met just before the Council meeting and approved the 2019 budget. Beginning January 1, the General Fund budget will absorb the current Preschool budget. Copies of the budget were passed around for members of Council to look over and ask any questions they may have. With no further discussion, John, representing the Finance Committee, made a motion to accept the 2019 budget as presented. Al seconded it. The motion carried. Consecration Sunday has been set for November 18. There will not be a meal this year.

**United Methodist Men:** The Annual Fish Fry is November 8, from 4:30p to 7:00p, in Wesley Hall.

**Preschool:** Chairperson Bill LaDage stated that the Board met earlier this evening. The directors are to complete a safety plan to be presented to the board by their next meeting in January. They've had one fundraiser so far this year and will be doing the pastry fundraiser again in November. On January 1 the Preschool will be fully incorporated into the General Fund budget. The directors were also asked to provide detailed job descriptions for their jobs, as well as the part time teachers. The Board asked for these descriptions and will evaluate the directors and teachers later this year. Next year, they will report to the Staff Parish Relations Committee. The Preschool Bylaws are to be reviewed every three years. They were completed in 2015. A committee needs to be formed to update the Bylaws and make any necessary revisions. At the September Council meeting, a member asked what the best form of advertisement is to draw families to our preschool. After speaking with the directors, Bill stated it is word of mouth and tradition (families attending for many years).

**Lay Leader:** No report.

**Staff Parish Relations:** No report.

**Trustees:** No report.

**Columbarium Committee:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Terry said the Nominating Committee met last week. Several programming committees will need new chairpersons. Charge Conference will be November 18 at 1:00p at Patoka UMC. The Parsonage inspection will be completed at a later date. Pastor Terry does a walk-thru with the Trustee Chair and SPRC Chair. Each year for cultivation reports, a letter is sent to members that have not been in attendance in at least one year or made any contributions to the Church. A different letter is sent each year. After three years if there has been no response, members are removed by Conference from our membership rolls. This year we have three members that will be removed: Julianna Funderburk, Robin Scribner, and Joni Warren. Pastor Terry made a motion to remove the members from our membership rolls at Charge Conference. John seconded it. The motion carried. The Preschool directors stated that the Fire Marshal needs documentation of a fire alarm test completed annually. FE Moran is the company we currently use but charge a large fee for a service call. Pastor Terry would like approval from the Council to cover the expense before he asks any company to do the test. Bill moved that Pastor Terry be authorized to hire someone to complete the Fire Alarm test needed. John seconded the motion, and it carried.

New business discussed was meeting day and times for 2019. Pastor Terry made a motion for programming committees to meet one Sunday a month during the Sunday School hour with Council meeting at 11:45a, with the goal of being completed by 1:00p. Joyce seconded it. The motion carried. With new chairpersons coming on board next year, it was decided to wait to select which Sunday would be best for everyone, so they can share their input.

With no further business to be brought before the Council, Joe adjourned the meeting at 7:55p.

The next meeting will be on November 27, 2018, at 7:00p in Wesley Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Casey Kistler