

Minutes of the Meeting of St.Paul's Congregational Board, January 12,2016

Present: Derrick Grant (Chair), Kelly Simpson, Ron Naugler, Julian Walker, Frank Morrison, Rev. Richard Bowley, Rev. Sarah Magie, Ann Krause (Secretary) **Regrets:** Jack Simpson

- Derrick called the meeting to order; the draft agenda was distributed electronically in advance of the meeting.
- Rev Bowley opened the meeting with a prayer.
- The revised draft agenda was adopted (Frank, Julian) Motion carried.
- The minutes of the December 8th meeting were approved (Ron, Julian) Motion carried.

Business arising from the minutes:

- a) Sarah Magie, a candidate for ministry has begun at St. Paul's United.
- b) Feb.21st is the proposed date for the Annual Meeting; storm date is Feb. 28th
- c) The paperwork has been forwarded regarding a Licensed Lay Worship Leader at St. Paul's United. A thank you will be sent to Bob Miller for the great job he did on Jan.3rd.
- d) All members of the Board engaged in a good discussion regarding a Vision for St.Paul's. We brainstormed several ideas: growth of our church, gathering input from all members, unpacking our Mission Statement, involving all committees of the church, etc. Rev. Sarah shared that she had some experience in this area, had done some reading and study and would be willing to walk with us through this process. She seemed passionate about the process of exploring action plans, transitional leadership, church revitalization and planning. Using the acronym, HILDA, from the Alban Institute, she introduced us to a framework to begin our work (H for History, I for Identity, L for Leadership, D for Denominations and A for Acceptance and New Direction/Leadership).

It was decided that Derrick would present Board highlights in the Moment for Community on Sunday, Jan. 17th; also, he might speak about the Visioning Exercise being planned for our church in 2016. On Sunday, Jan.24th, Rev. Sarah will present information regarding Visioning to the Congregation and on Jan.31st; a Transition Team would hold an initial meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **The Worship Committee** has begun planning for Christmas 2016; they are planning to have 3 services (3, 7 and 11 pm services). Christmas Day is on on Sunday this year so coordinating with Wilmot will be necessary.

Collection in the balcony will be following a new protocol which will be tested beginning Feb.14th and continuing until after Easter, at which time the decision will be reviewed and finalized.

Communion will be served on Feb.7th. Plans are underway for services during Lent and Easter.

- **Stewardship and Outreach** ----Pastoral Care Team is up and running
- **UCW** ---meeting on Jan.13th; frozen casserole sale is coming soon
- **M & P**----Rev.Sarah's Contract to be signed; Evaluation Team is established; outside Evaluator is Jane Johnson; various authorizations for Rev.Sarah were completed
- **Christian Education** ---continuing to build a team to work with our youth in Sunday School; Rev.Richard and Rev. Sarah will each spend one Sunday per month in the Sunday School; on Jan.31st, Rev.Richard will make soup and sandwiches for those who will be part of the Sunday School Team
- **Finance**---Ron Naugler distributed 2 pages of financial information that included operating income in 2014, 2015 and 2016 as well as projections for 2016

Correspondence

- letter of condolence to be sent to Alexis Ervin
- letter from Julian Walker accepted with regret

Baptisms/Wedding Requests---no new requests

- a) Jack Simpson to contact the Board; the Board will need to have 3 new members at the Annual Meeting
- b) Publicity Coordinator and Board Liaison---more publicity required; share our good news with Rev.Sarah's arrival

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm (Frank)

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krause (Secretary)