

Church Council Meeting July 17, 2024

Attending: Scott Gillespie, Bruce Mowery, Kurt Freeman, Judi Austin, Paula Thoennes, Carol Yarian, Brian Hall, Jack Dwiggins, Jo Stroud, Jake and Emily Mayer, Mike Hilsabeck, Audra High, Lisa Hilsabeck

Pastor Bruce opened with prayer

Glory Sightings:

VBS– volunteers and help!

Venezuelan guy asking to join the church

Prayer for schools idea coming in

New bishop: Bishop Tracy S. Malone

“Jo is a schemer”

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Discipleship Report: Life of Generosity. Class on faith and doubt.

SPRC: THANKS BRUCE for filling in for Kurt and thank you Kurt for going away. “Your absence was much appreciated.”

Finance: Each of us has been good stewards of the Church’s finances. As of June 30, we are in the black money wise. Income is under budget, but expenses are also under budget.

With that being said, we had to dip into the PM Fundy account to pay for a new 100-gallon hot water heater and for the security cameras that are on order. We are recovering some of these costs through faithful giving of our congregation.

Exciting news: budget forms for 2025 will be handed out as soon as the July financials are available. Deadline: Finance meeting on September 10th.

Care Ministry: Suicide support not finding traffic. Blood drive is 8/15. AED grants.

Hospitality: Attendance lower over summer.

Small Groups:

Young Women Bible Study starting 9/15.

All-In (New Member) Class starting August 25

Wrestling with Doubt starting October 13

Stewardship Cartoon Team-Bob Miessler and 3 youth

Outreach:

Jubilee Christmas in July starting

September 26 Fall Festival

Backpack gearing up

Congregational Care Network. VOTE and help recruit. Motion for Christ UMC to participate in the IU Health Community Partners ministry to approve By Judi. Seconded by Jo the Schemer. Approved unanimously.

Trustees: We need three more trustees.

Early Learning: Brian:

Some openings in half day. Dana and Hollie met and Dana has some recommendations to bring to board. Cameras being installed. Recording to hard drive for 14 days. Can be downloaded and secured if needed. HAVE WE SENT TO INSURANCE to see if we get a discount?

Children's Ministry: Emily:

VBS 160 kids. 60 volunteers

Backpack blessing August 4

Fall Family night in September

Trunk or Treat October 26. 4-6pm

Not planning in between Sunday School unless there is a class where parents are attending since kids are not attending.

Child Protection Policy **switch** to doing background checks every other year. VOTE. Approved unanimously.

Youth/Tech: Jake:

Youth breaking over summer. Coming back in August. Youth is not going to meet every week.

Working on a smaller group, relational connection around affinity/ interest.

Occasionally gather whole group together for service project.

This adds flexibility and meets the kids where they are. Need to get a few volunteers from the congregation who can meet with the kids, pray for them, take an interest. Helping kids connect with adults

Meeting with other UMC for a monthly meeting conversation.

Youth and Children's Ministry: need people to help. Looking with Emily at developing a Family Ministries Board. 5 kid, 5 youth. Meet monthly with those available. Each have 3 firm people. Each need 2 more.

"Jake doesn't like Kurt's face."

We have new toys in the tech booth.

Pastor Bruce going on vacation to NJ. Knee surgery August 8

PK: Question: what do we need to do to help with political mess

Having a place for people to come would be good. Not taking sides. Praying. No judgment.

Prayer wall. Prayer candles. Open sanctuary, possibly a set time for spoken prayer aloud.

We are not a polling location for November.

Prayer the day before voting, Sanctuary open on polling day

"Terra put color on the Outfest poster." because PK is copier inept. So sorry.

One thing that needs to be clear: make sure to communicate that Christ UMC is open does not mean all UMCs are.

Have a way for people to communicate with us things they did not get from the church so we can address that/ respond to it.

NEED list:

Spanish translator

Minutes submitted by: Pastor Kurt