

St. Johns United Church of Christ  
Church Council Minutes

Date: October 8, 2015

Council Members

Linda Stevens	Kathy Harris	Jennifer Coon (AE)
Martha Minks	Shawn Seals	Susie Vehling
Patrick Clarke	Beth Potter	Art Miner
Ernie Carlson (AE)	Dave Hearrell	JoAnn Sowder
Mark Dobbs	Mary Myers	Martha Forest (AE)

(A) – Absent      (E) – Excused

Ex-officio: Rev Ross Tyler

Rev Don Crismon (AE)

Jenny Zotz

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Linda Stevens

Opening Prayer – Pastor Ross offered an opening prayer

Good News:

- Jenny Zotz’s aunt is home from the hospital
- Mary Stewart will be coming home from rehab this Saturday
- Shawn Seals dad is doing better & looking good
- Perry Meridian High School’s tennis team (David Seals is on it) won the Regional

Cares and Concerns:

- Bob Baker (son of Mary & Allen Baker) had 5 by-pass heart surgery down in Florida
- James Devine’s sister’s twins are breech; will have C-section
- Jennifer Tejunin’s baby is also breech

Secretary’s Report: Ernie Carlson

The minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting were sent to the Council Members prior to the meeting. Upon motion made by Art Miner and seconded by Dave Hearrell, the minutes were approved as corrected.

TRUE Task Force Report: Shawn Seals

- We had a guest worshipper from our conference in our church service. She offered some suggestions afterwards
- CurrentFUND, food, & fellowship program at Max & Erma’s this month on 10/18. Planning on doing 1 per month.

Board of Christian Education/Youth and Family Ministries: Jenny Zotz

- A copy of this report is attached to these minutes
- Signup sheet is available for the Candy Corn Carnival on 10/25
- Having a Family Unit Yule Log Event 11/15
- Advent Dinner set for 11/29. Pot Luck dinner at 5:30pm followed by a theatre program
- Breakfast with Santa 12/12
- BCE is starting Kroger Card signups.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Clarke

- The summary & detail reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Legacy fund down \$28K; dividend payment offset some of the loss of value
- Still had 1 more phone line (alarm) bill due to phone company contract breach of about \$200.

Upon motion made by Shawn Seals and seconded by Art Miner, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Stewardship and Finance Committee: Shawn Seals

- Martha Minks shared the vision and plan for the T.R.U.E. based stewardship plan.
- The committee recommended to the council a plan that will balance the budget incrementally. There was council consensus for the committee to pursue the plan. The committee will be communicating in the bulletin.

Property Care Committee: Beth Potter

- Sanctuary clean up 11/07 from 9am to 12pm
- Snow removal contract extension from Nick's Lawn Care for \$245 per removal. In increments of 2"-4", and 4"-6". Committee Head gives approval before they proceed with removal. It was moved by Beth Potter and seconded by Art Miner to approve the contract. The motion was carried.

Spiritual Life Committee: Mary Myers

- Next Communion 11/22.
- Have greeters set to 11/08
- Mary Myers -Stephen Ministry
  - Has spoken to the Men's Breakfast & to the Genesis Group
  - There will be expenses coming in 2016; about \$35 for brochures & inserts targeting the church
  - Mary requested some bulletin space on the wall by the library room

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Pre-School Report: Susie Vehling

- A report is attached to these minutes
- Both classes full with 3 families on the waiting list
- Staff working on ways to increase security during pre-school without being unwelcome
- Lunch bunch has 10-12 kids
- Pumpkin Party 10/30

Pastors' Report: Pastor Ross

- A report is attached to these minutes
- 4 Sundays will utilize the T-R-U-E for educational messages
- A triple baptism this Sunday & another one next Sunday
- Pastor has moved into his new home. Still working through boxes.

New Business:

- The Nominating Committee (5 going off the Council after this year) needs to find nominees for next year
- Building Use Requests:
  - New leader training for girl scouts; use fellowship hall; tonight 10/08; no one was present.
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday for a special needs daughter of a non-member; Saturday 10/24 from 4-7pm; 25 people; use the library
  - TL&L Neighborhood Meeting 10/28 from 7-8pm; use fellowship hall; 30 people; approved
  - Girl Scout movie night; Friday 12/11 7-9pm; no count; approved.
  - Rhonda Lauer 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party; non-member; 11/07 2-5pm; use fellowship hall, gaga pit, & A-V equipment; about 30-40 people; approved.
- A letter from Perry Township Schools requesting approval for the school buses to be allowed to use the south parking lot to turn onto US 31; approved.
- Discussed adding honorarium for facility use
- The Women's Board purchased 30 chairs for the fellowship hall. 26 were delivered. Looking to add more chairs.

Old Business:

- The Farmers Market is done for the season. Uncertain that they will return next year. Few vendors.
- Pictorial directory picture taking completed. There will about 150 families.

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There was no executive session.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted by Mark Dobbs, Acting Secretary