

San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church
Church Council Minutes
November 8, 2016

Attendance: Debra Carter, Ron Dunn, Don Field, Nancy Garnick, Luke Ham, Terry Sherman, Brad Tolstedt, Fred Toney, Joanne Van Bezey

Absent: Lea Hickman, Harry Knapp, Paul Kuelz, Jim McKnight, Mark Miller, Bill Rust, Carol Warnock

Guests: Carole Johnson, Dave McWilliams

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Terry Sherman called the meeting to order at 7: 05 pm in the Fireside Room.

OPENING DEVOTION/PRAYER

Chair Terry Sherman offered a devotion provided by Bill Rust, Intentional Faith Development Leader, to open the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

It was moved that the Church Council October 18, 2016 minutes be approved as presented. The minutes were approved by consensus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Finance Chair Brad Tolstedt reported that it is too early to present the financials. They are waiting for the results of the stewardship campaign to finalize the budget. The recommended budget will go to the Finance Committee on November 30, then to the Church Council on December 12.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - Pastor Ron Dunn reported for the stewardship committee that it is too early to know the results of the campaign.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Terry Sherman reported for Paul Kuelz, Risk Taking Mission & Service Practices Group Chair, regarding the status of the refugee family we are supporting. The refugee resettlement task force has agreed to fulfil their \$5,000 financial obligation to the family, and then provide no additional financial support. It is expected the task force will be able to support a new refugee family beginning in January with \$5,000 donated by our church and \$3,000 from Asbury United Methodist Church, plus any other funds they raise, with the condition that this family locate in the East Bay. Winter Nights is scheduled to be held at our church again this winter from January 30 to February 13, with help being provided by St. Isadore's Church.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Chair Terry Sherman reported that the status of the Board of Trustees work is detailed in the report prepared and distributed earlier via e-mail by Mark Miller, Board of Trustees Chair.

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Leadership Development Chair Fred Toney reported that the committee is nearly finished with their work. All major committee positions have been nominated. Some of the other committees are being downsized. A few phone calls are outstanding. These nominations will be presented at the Church Conference next week. Pastor Dunn will take nominations from the floor for the Nominations and Leadership Committee but also has names of people who have agreed in advance to serve on that committee. A large number of people are being re-nominated to their positions.

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STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair Don Field reported that SPRC has voted to recommend re-appointment our two pastors, Ron Dun and Luke Ham, for next year. Their performance reviews are currently being prepared to submit to the District Superintendent in December.

PASTORS' MOMENTS

Pastor Ron Dunn reported that there was a good staff mini-retreat today, focused on personal goals related to the Strategic Plan. Advent is on the horizon, with creative worship design that will inspire and delight. He is meeting with a steering committee to discuss the master plan for development of our campus. This Sunday he will host an orientation for those who are interested in our recreational ministry. He reminded attendees of the Muslim/Christian dialogue coming up this Sunday evening.

Pastor Luke Hamm reported that he and Pastor Ron wrapped up the "Roots and Wings" sermon series and will be starting a two-week series on "Diversity" this week, before Advent begins.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments re reports.

NEXT MEETING: Church Conference is Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. Next Church Council Meeting is Monday, December 12, at 7 pm in the Fireside Room.

CLOSE AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Terry Sherman adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Garnick
Church Council Secretary Pro Tem

Actionable Items

None