

Lodi United Methodist Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 15, 2018

**In Attendance:** Diane Eberdt, Pastor Marge Rice Myers, Roxy Witzke, Tom Hildebrandt, Cindy Brooks, Laura Pfeffer, Darla Niebuhr, Joyce Unke, Gail Grover, Kay Putman, Steve VanLankvelt and Michelle Commings.

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Approve February minutes. MOTION (C. Brooks/J. Unke) to approve minutes. Motion carried **unanimously**.
3. Treasurers' report: R. Witzke
  - a. Giving trends were reviewed; handouts of giving history were distributed.  
MOTION (T. Hildebrandt/L. Pfeffer) to approve treasurers' report. Motion carried **unanimously**.

Church Council members and Church Leadership job descriptions were distributed.

Formation of a team/ad hoc committee (4-5 members) is in process. Ad hoc committee will be working with committee leaders to discuss church issues. MOTION (S. VanLankvelt/J. Unke) to form a focus group, a 4-5 member team, to gather information for the church council to act on, with the members being chosen by the Church Council Chair. The focus of the group will be financial support, recruitment and retention.

MOTION (M. Commings/S. VanLankvelt) to amend the motion to add: And at least one member of the focus group will be expected to report to the monthly Church Council meeting to give a report. Motion carried **unanimously**.

4. Committee reports:

Worship: Cindy Brooks:

- a. 3/25 Palm Sunday service w/choir; 7:00 pm service on 3/30 Good Friday will include communion. Ecumenical service is 1:00 pm. @ First Lutheran. Easter Sunday will possibly have a brass trio.
- b. 4/15 Sunday School Program; 5/20 Pentecost
- c. 7/29 Summer service at the fairgrounds.

New W.I.N.E:

- a. Easter cards are out; members of the congregation are asked to deliver the cards.
- b. Committees were asked to host a fellowship time.

Missions Team: Michelle Commings

- a. April mission focus is "Helping Hands" on Saturday, 4/28;
- b. Serving the men's homeless shelter in Madison on Friday, 4/27;
- c. Honoring Mike Sharpee is being discussed;
- d. Brunch on 4/22 with proceeds going to LUMC.

Education: E-mail report from Terrie Kurtz

- a. Last day for Sunday school with teachers is 4/1; last day of Sunday school is 4/15;
- b. Spring program is 4/15@ 10:30 a.m. service.

United Methodist Women: No report.

- a. 4/5 Communion Brunch @ Portage United Methodist Church;
- b. 4/7 Mission Action Day @ Mauston United Methodist Church;
- c. 5/20 UMW Sunday;
- d. 4/28 Southwest District UMW Spring Retreat @ Prairie du Chien;
- e. 4/14 UMW meeting, focus is on UMW monies and how they spend it.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Steve VanLankvelt

- a. Committee is reviewing finances of the church and what their responses could be-specifically administration, programs, ministry and building and grounds.

Trustees: No report.

Wills & Memorials: No report.

Finance Committee: Tom Hildebrandt

- a. Pledges are down and committee is looking for revenue sources.

Leadership Development: Pastor Marge (*Has not met*)

Staff Reports: Pastor Marge

- a. 4/20- Half day Womens retreat @ LUMC.
- b. 6/16 Bell choir performance @ LUMC; looking for host families for choir members.

MOTION (M. Commings/K. Putnam) to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, April 19, 2018. If you are unable to attend please let Diane Eberdt know at 608-573-0039 or djeberdtpac@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary  
Minutes approval April 19, 2018