**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AD. COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 14, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Chair. Dale Wuttke at 7:05PM. Pastor Bill McBride opened with a prayer.

**Present:** Dale Wuttke, Audrey Wuttke, Shane Griffin, Pastor Bill McBride, Betty Rader and Raina Remeeus.

Minutes of 06-12-17 were approved by Betty R., Shane 2nd, all in favor.

**Finance:** Betty submitted the following: $7,200 in General Fund. Cap. Impr. has $4,780, and Endowment Fund has $7,843. There is no longer a parsonage fund. Real estate taxes were paid with remainder of parsonage fund and part from Cap. Impr. The total bill for our air-conditioning replacement and repairs was $12,758. Apportionments are due for May, June and July.

**Mission/Membership**: 128 members. 5 new members. School supply donations a success. Ends Aug, 20th. Coins and coffee money going to WI Conference Disaster , who has been requesting volunteers. Food Pantry for Sept. will be Hamburger Helper and box dinners. 621lbs of clothes, blankets and other necessities were mailed to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Missions group will meet new Hope Now, Inc. employee to review continuing funding.

**Local Ministries:** $5,000 of Scholarships was awarded this year. This money came from the Local Ministries Fund per an approved resolution. **Pastor presented a motion on behalf of the Local Ministries committee to form a task group to study the scholarship policy and disbursement of scholarship monies to applicants. The Council discussed the motion and amended it as follows:**

*“The amended motion was presented to form a task group to review the Scholarship Committee process of awarding funds, what determines selection and amount of funding to be awarded. The task group will be made up of the following individuals from 5 named committees; Endowment – John Henderson, Finance – Betty Rader, Admin. Cncl.- Dale Wutke, Local Ministries – Rev. Tom Ostrander (who will be chair of task group), Scholarship Committee – Nancy Meylick, at large member for congregation – Maxine Grohall.*

*The committee will meet as needed to review and create a policy as stated above and bring it to the Admin Cncl for adoption before 12/31/2017.*

*The Admin Cncl also stated and adopted that members of the scholarship committee shall not be parents of any high school, tech school or college enrolled children.”* Motion carried.

**UMW:** United Methodist Women will be meeting August 15th at 1:00PM. Pastor Bill passed on a request from Ginny Paulsen’s daughter to have someone check in on Ginny while husband Rod is recovering in the hospital. Audrey Wuttke will organize this.

**Lay Leader:** The Community Meal is August 26th at the community center in Matheson Memorial Library. Discussion of contacting other churches in Elkhorn to join the effort.

**Pastor’s Report:** Ms. Debbie Rush has requested the use of our church for her piano lessons. She has 4 students on Thursdays, 3:30PM to 5:30PM, $15 per half hour lesson. The council proposes to use the Narthex for lessons and move our sanctuary piano into the narthex to keep the lessons in a public place where parents could sit and students waiting could be supervised. She would need a key and security code. Start date requested is August 31st. Pastor suggested charging a percentage of her earnings for rent. Shane motioned to compare what other places charge for lesson rent. 2nd by Audrey. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Audrey. 2nd by Pastor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting will be Sept. 11th, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Raina Remeeus, Finance Secretary