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

**April 9, 2018**

Call to order 7:09 PM by Dale Wuttke. Members present: Dale Wuttke, Pastor McBride, Howie Reynolds, Betty Rader, Shane Griffin, Audrey Wuttke, Nicci Peterson, Wes Riechers, Raina Remeeus, David Clikeman

Pastor opened with a prayer.

Motion by Betty to approve February minutes. Pastor 2nd, motion carried.

**Finance:** General Fund $6,889. Capital Imp. $5,274. Total raised for lights was $5025. Payments for adopted rooms are also still being made. Talked about difference in General Fund 2018 from 2017. With giving for lights and air conditioning, considerably lower. We have about $70, 000 in our Trust Fund. We take about $30,000 a year to make our budget, which means it will be gone in about two years. Pastor proposed Stewardship Program to begin awareness campaign for cost of $40 a month. Shane motion to approve, Wes 2nd and passed.

Betty will take $10,000 to make budget from trust fund, plus $7500 for apportionment payment.

Also, Betty is ready to step down as Treasurer and a new Treasurer needs to be found.

There is $164,243 in our Local Ministries Fund. In line with our campaign for Stewardship Awareness, and the general health of the church, the council will be approaching the Local Ministries group to do more Outreach to the community. Betty motion, Raina 2nd, and passed to set up a meeting with Tom Ostrander. Missions Fund is $214,848.

**Trustees:** Howie Reynolds is scheduling a meeting.

**Youth:** Nicci is in talks with Scott McLeod at UCC about combining our Vacation Bible School efforts. Also working on getting a booth at the Farmer’s Market in Elkhorn twice a month this summer. She is also talking to Jerry Rahn at the Wishing Well about partnering up for that booth, with flowers provided by them, and money going to the church.

**Mission/Membership:** Membership at 118. Paul Webster is the new missionary supported by our church, as well as his agriculture center. $605 sent in to cover the $5 per member donation. $1000 sent for the center. We will receive a newsletter from him twice a year. Missions has also donated $500 for the Rwanda Annual Conference to buy a keyboard after receiving a request from Pastor Lamarr Gibson. Missions also included $200 for the purchase of bicycles as many pastors there have no means of transportation. $300 a month continues to be paid to the Hope Now, Inc. social worker. The Elkhorn Food Pantry needs volunteers who can lift things. Our May donations are Jams and Jellies

**UMM:** Breakfast, Sunday, April 15th.

**UMW:** Meeting next Tuesday, April 17th.

**Parish Nurse:** Bev sent flowers to Audrey Lubke.

**SPRC:** Planning meeting. Wes working on sending out job search for piano player and choir director. Thinking of approaching Debbie Vogt.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor reviewed Stewardship program for those who were not at Finance meeting. He has invited Rick Churan for a Planned Giving & Stewardship Sermon on Sunday, May 20th with a fellowship following for more information. Inserts will start on April 29th. We will be participating in the Elkhorn Open House on Saturday, May 19th and will use Local Ministries funds for house gifts and prizes.

Meeting adjourned by Dale at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Raina Remeeus, Finance Secretary

Next Ad. Council meeting will be May 14, 2018.

Next Finance meeting will be July 9, 2018