

# Wharton United Community Church at St. John's Council Meeting Minutes April 24th, 2019

This informal meeting of the council of the Wharton United Community Church at St. John's was called to order at 6 PM on April 24th, 2019. In attendance were:

Reverend Kathleen Stone	P
SPRC Chair / Council Co-Chair: Christine Capen	E
Worship Chair / Council Co-Chair: Ericka Berg	P
Finance Chair: Kim Schultz	P
Buildings and Grounds Chair: Carol Rohlff	E
Youth Lay Member / Clerk of Session: Zachary Rohlff	P
Missions/Food Pantry Representative: Cindy Squires	E
Lay Member: Len Williams	P
Christian Education Liaison: Exempt	NA
Student Pastor: Exempt	NA

**\*A quorum was not present\***

The meeting commenced at 6:13 without opening in prayer.

## **-> Vision Statement:**

Our vision statement currently stands as, (Please see the bottom of attachment page 1)

We are working on trying to trim down the statement to make it more memorable.

We have decided to try and make the "Top half" of the statement our new mission statement & the "by 2028" be our vision statement, our vision of the church as a whole.

## **-> Community Organizer:**

We talked about filling out a grant that will allow us to hire a bilingual community organizer to continue to bridge the english & spanish speaking division. Kath reviewed the application for the grant that will be processed. We then talked about what we are going to want from the person we want to hire for the community organizer position. Here are some things we came up with.

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- 1) Be bilingual in both speaking, reading & writing.
- 2) Have lived in wharton for a significant amount of time.
- 3) Be able to reach out to the spanish speaking community
- 4) Have a social media presence / knowledge.
- 5) Have language sensitivity
- 6) Build bridges between the spanish speaking and english speaking communities.
- 7) Host children's programs with WUCC & without us
- 8) Host and organize the ESL classes.
- 9) Help work with all food pantry volunteers.

## **-> Successful Fundraisers & How Do We Make Them Work:**

Ericka will put together flyers for upcoming church events & she will work on contacting Joe on the Health fair. Christine is working on putting together a calendar that everyone is able to see what is going on with church events to avoid conflicts with events.

We need to pick a date for the spaghetti dinner. Helen & Linda will work on putting together and hosting the dinner. We need to work on outreach for getting people to know about this event. We are thinking about having it cost \$5 for entry and leave out a jar for extra donations. Kath is thinking about giving us at least 3 weeks for planning. Our tentative date is Sunday, June 9th.

We are thinking about doing it buffet style having doors open 5-7. We shall call it, "Pentecostal Pasta!"

## **-> Finance:**

Tabled for next meeting

## **-> Special Dates:**

- 1) Pastor Kath will not be away.
- 2) Health Fair May 8th
- 3) Jerri will be away May 21st - May 23rd
- 4) Kath Sacchiero will be away June 23rd, June 30th, July 28th & August 4th
- 5) SPRC approve Kath to go away for a sabbatical at the end of June. Ericka will be working on finding coverage for Kath.

## **-> Baptism :**

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We will be doing an email vote to approve the Baptism of Colin Gaffey.

**->Notes:**

- I (Zachary Rohlf) will check in with Jerri to see if she is caught up with the 2018 minutes.
- May 5th 2-4pm next session minutes review.

**This meeting was closed in prayer by Kim, at 7:25 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.**

**Our next meeting will be held upstairs on May 21st at 6:00 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

~Zachary Rohlf

