

# Wharton United Community Church at St. John's Council Meeting Minutes February 26th, 2019

This meeting of the council of the Wharton United Community Church at St. John's was called to order at 6:00 PM on February 26th, 2019. In attendance were:

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

\*A quorum was present\*

The meeting commenced at 6:15 with Kim leading us into prayer.

-> **Minutes Review:** We just had a very quick discussion regarding the minutes.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve January's Minutes.**

**\*Vote approved unanimously.\***

-> **Finances:**

-> Budget Discussion / SPRC Raises for Staff: Christine quickly discussed about the salaries of our hourly employees. Each employee's pay will be raised by 4%.

**A motion was made & seconded to approve the raise in salary for our employees by 4%.**

**\*Vote approved unanimously.\***

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→Public Relations: We need to have a bigger budget for signage, advertising & flyer distribution. Kath had a small discussion with the council about how we are going to be advertising our events going forward. We need to have advertising for our events & we need the money for it. We are going to see how the signs go for our ash Wednesday services & base our future uses & funds of signage off of the results. We may budget the signage under the budget for what the sign is advertising. For example, "Funday School" signage would fall under the Christian Ed Budget. We will take the signs for Ash Wednesday out of the Worship Budget. The Mayor of Rockaway will also be donating wire sign stakes for the lawn signs.

→ Guardians of The WUCCY Galaxy: We just had a quick discussion about the connections between Guardians of the WUCCY Galaxy & Finance. We also talked more about the stewardship foundation.

→ Endowment: The Council had a discussion about our usage of the endowment and how much it is constantly fluctuating. We NEED to figure out a way of balancing the endowment. We can not afford to have projects that we can not fund in a budget.

**Kim will try & get an endowment estimate.**

→ **All Church Meeting Follow Up**: We recapped the all church meeting we had last Tuesday. During the meeting we were motivated to create a new vision draft. Renee Miners took on the job of creating the new vision statement. The vision draft is as follows: "Wharton United Community Church is a loving, accepting community of faith-filled people who follow Christ's call to love and help others. We believe in being the hands and feet of the body of Christ; reaching out to create a better world for the dynamic community around us by providing a safe place where all people are accepted, loved, and supported" This statement is still a draft and can be changed in the future. The statement if approved will be revealed during our 10:30 am Church service. The date has been undecided. The council agreed unanimously that this is a good, solid & sound vision statement.

**A motion was made and seconded to go forward with this statement with approval from council to be presented at the next all church meeting.**

→ Communications: Ericka had a small discussion about possibly going forward with increasing our social media presence. We will accomplish this by creating an instagram page for

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the church as well as keeping the facebook page. We will need to do a media release form if we would like to post pictures of parishoners.

--> Timelines & Teams: Our current events upcoming are the healthfare, Resource Center & ESL. We have divided up teams of who will help run each event.

### -> Upcoming Dates:

- Pastor Kath will be away April 1st -6th as well as possibly April 28th -May 3rd. She will be here on sundays just not during the week.
- Kathy Sacchiero will be away June 23rd, 30th, July 28th & August 4th. Paula will fill in for her.
- Yesenia's last Sunday will be April 21st. We had a quick discussion about doing something special for her to thank her for her time with us.
- Jerri might not be here on April 17th.
- Possible event on shrove Tuesday March 5th: We will be getting a small group together to go to IHOP on Shrove Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

### -> Special Notes:

- We will be working on getting quotes on redoing our visual systems in the Sanctuary for this year & focusing our audio system for next year. We will be getting 3 quotes for installing a new system. We will possibly be working on trying to get Votech & CCM to help us. I (Zachary Rohlff) will be creating list of what is gong on & what is broken upstairs with the tech.
- Our current budget is a working budget and is not set in stone. It will be voted upon later
- We are going to take out \$250 from Grief Ministry & Small Group Ministry & add to Resource Center budget.
- Carol is considering combining all of our exterior maintenance to just 1 service with Chris Keller. We are considering canceling our lawn care services & shoveling services with our current company. We will follow up with this next meeting.

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**This meeting was closed in prayer by Kath, at 7:35 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm!**

**Our next meeting will be held on March 19th at 6:00 pm, upstairs in the meeting room.**

Respectfully Submitted,

~Zachary Rohlff

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Rohlff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'Z' and 'R'.