

Wharton United Community Church at St. John's Council Meeting Minutes January 22nd, 2019

This meeting of the council of the Wharton United Community Church at St. John's was called to order at 6:20 PM on January 22nd, 2019. In attendance were:

Reverend Kathleen Stone	E
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	P
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	

A quorum was present

The meeting commenced at 6:24 p.m with Linda leading us into prayer.

->**Expectations of The Council:** Both Christine & Ericka discussed what they expect of the council going further. They discussed how we are currently working on ways to balance both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in our own church. One such way is familiarizing ourselves with the "order" of the presbyterian church. They also expressed the importance of anyone contacting either / both them at least one Sunday before the next council meeting if they would like to add something on the agenda.

->**Operations Manual 2019:** Ericka further discussed with the council about continued work on the operations manual. Currently there are still a few more committees that need to describe their

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roles, with SPRC & Finance as our top priority. The purpose of the operations manual is to describe the best practices for each committee.

-> **February Volunteers:** This is just a reminder that there will be a small group of volunteers coming to the church helping with small tasks around the church. We will be working on creating a list of tasks that the volunteers could complete. Both Pastor Kath & Jerri will prioritize tasks on the list. They will also only be present at the church for 2 hours at a time.

-> **Future Council Meetings Schedule:** The council unanimously came to the decision of keeping council meetings on the 3rd week every month. Our current dates are set for the following: 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17. All of these dates may be subject to change, and prior notice will be given if any of the dates are changed.

-> **Parking Lot Sinkhole:** Carol spoke to Chris Keller about the current state of the back parking lot sinkhole. She is having him come out to the church to check out the sinkhole, and tell us what he can do to try and repair it. It was also discussed that Len Williams could join him since he is well versed with the church grounds and history. It was already stated that he would cut out the piece of the parking lot and fill the hole. For the time being those parking spots will be unavailable to park in.

-> **Special Dates:** These are some special dates that may apply to everyone and should be noted for future reference. 1/29, 6pm: Upstairs across the yoga room a meeting will be held that will discuss the Council & Vision 2028 initiatives. 5/4: A "Health Fair" will be held. There will be more information given at a later date. Tricky Tray (Date Pending): A few members of the church will be hosting a "Tricky Tray" at the church

-> **Special Notes:** These are a few special notes taken at random times during the meetings.

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- Nancy will be working on managing our Endowment. She will need a new partner to help her with this “process”
- From now on all attachments physically given out during the meeting must be attached with the minutes when the minutes get sent out.
- All 2018 minutes will be sent out to Alyson, Kath, Jerri, Ericka & Christine.
- Room 1 upstairs, will now be used as a storage room & rooms 2 & 3 will be a meeting space for the church. We may possibly need the 2 large desks upstairs to be re-assembled by Tony since he knew how to disassemble them. Carol will organize the setting up of the rooms & will be getting the help necessary. (After the meeting was closed all members of the council set up the rooms together that night.)

This meeting of the council was closed in prayer by Christine

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 pm

The next meeting will be held on February 19th at 6pm

Respectfully Submitted

~Zachary Rohlff

