

# Wharton United Community Church at St. John's Council Meeting Minutes May 21st, 2019

This meeting of the council of the Wharton United Community Church at St. John's was called to order at 6 PM on May 21st, 2019. In attendance were:

Reverend Kathleen Stone	P
SPRC Chair / Council Co-Chair: Christine Capen	P
Worship Chair / Council Co-Chair: Ericka Berg	P
Finance Chair: Kim Schultz	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	E
Christian Education Liaison: Exempt	NA
Student Pastor: Exempt	NA

\*A quorum was present\*

The meeting commenced at 6:22 pm with Cindy leading us into prayer.

## **-> Finance:**

We needed to vote on taking out a lump sum of \$260,000 ,which is the equivalent of 18 months of withdrawals, from the endowment to secure us getting the most profit out of the endowment.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the move of funds from the endowment.**

**\*Vote approved unanimously\***

**Kim will be following up with the council of where the money will be held once withdrawn.**

## **-> Baptism & New Members:**

Kath discussed with us about some congregation members getting confirmed into the church.

This will also require some congregation members getting baptised. The following people getting baptised are: Alex Kishore & Angellie Kishore. The following youth getting confirmed

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are: Ryan Pond, Alex Kishore & Angellie Kishore. The following adults to be taken in as new members are: Jennifer Kishore & Beth Holloway.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the baptism, confirmation and welcoming of the above mentioned congregation members.**

**\*Vote Approved Unanimously\***

## **->Community Organizer:**

Kath has some people in mind that would be perfect to fill the role of our community organizer in the church. We need some people who would fill the requirements we are looking for. Kath is going to be reaching out to more people and get the job description out there to more people. Our current rate is 15 hours a week at \$12 an hour. We need to find a group of people that will find a person to fill this role and interview them. Cindy, Linda, & Christine will be the head runners of this group and they will help to find more people.

## **->Discipleship:**

Kath talked with the council about what discipleship is and what it means to the church. She had the council define what their idea of what a disciple was. This is what they came up with: "Disciples are Devoted followers, teachers, learners, messengers, doers-hands of feet of Jesus, selfless and helpers. They give substance to visions, time and energy to the community-people-animals-creation, give everything they have to what they believe in, they grow together, they shepherd the sick and vulnerable. A disciple walks the walk, they complete the cycle of discipleship; learn-engage-give-serve-build-lead-grow-listen all around us or "we" as a church." This is how we will describe how we as a church will continue to lead. We then quickly reviewed our new mission and vision statement.

**Ericka will work on beautify the mission statement and work on distributing it out to the community to get our name out there.**

## **->Leadership for 2020:**

We just looked over the leadership roles for the council. We discussed who will be going off at the end of this year and who will possibly be going on. We at first had the idea of keeping council at 8 members but later changed our initial decision. If anyone has any recommendations of who should be on council, let Pastor Kath know. We are undecided of who will fill the terms

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and how long the terms should be. Our proposed 2020 council will be comprised of voting members: SPRC, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Hope's Table / Mission, Worship & 2 Members at large with Methodist & Presbyterian representation. Non Voting Members: Pastor, Clerk of Session / Communications. Active Members Not Needed to Report Every Council Meeting: Youth Ministry, Guardians of WUCCY Galaxy, Communications & Vision 2028. Council in total will be comprised of 9 members with non voting and voting members included & special members excluded.

## **-> Upcoming Dates:**

1. Jerri will be away May 21st - May 23rd.
2. New members will be inducted into the church on June 9th.
3. Pentecostal Pasta Supper will be held the evening of June 9th.
4. Kathy Sacchiero will be away June 23rd, June 30th, July 28th & August 4th.
5. Pastor Kath will be away on a Professional Development Spiritual Journey on July 25th - August 24th.

## **->Special Notes:**

- We discussed changing the July-August Worship to an earlier time. Will follow up later.
- There will be a special congregational charge held directly after church on Sunday, June 23rd. This will be to have the congregation approve of the change in council roles for 2020. Minutes will be taken.

Meeting Closed in prayer by Christine at 8:03

Meeting Closed at 8:04

Our next meeting will be held upstairs on June 18th

**This meeting was closed in prayer by Christine, at 8:03 pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm**

**Our next meeting will be held upstairs on June 18th at 6 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

~Zachary Rohlff

