

**First Church of Lombard
United Church of Christ
Council Minutes
January 21, 2019**

2019 Attendance	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Moderator, Kim Perkins (S=Skype)	S											
Vice Moderator, Gary Cation	X											
Clerk, Denise Dabisch	X											
Treasurer, Mark Meyer	X											
Christian Formation, Lynda Wilson	X											
Management, Cal Bloesch	X											
Parish Life, Barb Sorgatz	X											
Wider Church, Dan Jares	X											
Worship, Melissa Hennessey	X											
Youth, Michael Hatfield												
Interim Minister, Dan Sather	X											

Meeting was called to order: Kim Perkins, @ 6:58 pm (Moderator).

Devotion: Cal Bloesch – MLK Quotes

Guest/s:

Susan Steinmiller

- Attended World Religion Parliament – every religion represented.
- Innovative Ministry Incubator – a conference she attended about growing churches, and recommends having a media person on hand.
- October 12th UCC Fall Conference – Susan is organizing, send ideas to her for inclusion in this meeting.
- UCC’s General Synod is from June 21-25, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI.
- Women’s Fellowship – donating \$1000.00 for kitchen repairs, and they are willing to give money toward whatever media items we decide on for our worship experience.
- Susan is asking for sponsorship by our church, in her seminary-mandated discernment process
 - Pastor Dan explained what this entails
 - Susan will bring some of the items needed for council to have a discussion at our next meeting.

Tony Disney

- “I have a bean” coffee owner, who’s company is in Wheaton has been in discussion with Jamie Geiger and Jeri Shaw about purchasing their coffee (and tea?) to be used for Sunday morning coffee hour
- Wanted to introduce himself and give information about the company

Approve minutes from last meeting: Denise Dabisch

Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Melissa Hennessey, Lynda Wilson) - APPROVED

Finance/ Treasurer’s Report: Mark Meyer

- Working on giving statements through the new program Realm
- Spent significantly above allotted budget amount for Office Supplies in 2018
- Ended 2018 with a deficit of \$1849.00
- Further discussion is taking place on the Ruth Morrison money to see how to best use it
- Mark will be updating the congregation via a letter soon

Staff Report: Val Sutton

- Staff hasn't met since Pastor Dan was on vacation
- Val/ Christian Education would like to move the pre-school Sunday School children to the empty classroom in the new building, on the lower level
 - Better security
 - Less disturbance to the Co-op Preschool classroom
 - Money, that is not included in Christian Ed's budget, is needed to make this move possible by purchasing some items to accommodate smaller children for this classroom.
 - Recommendation to look into safety issues with moving younger to a lower level.
 - Looking to make this move June – July 2019

Minister's Report: Dan Sather

- Troop 51 (Scout Sunday, February 10, 2019)
- Want to help with the Lilac Auction and it was suggested to help with Prairie Path clean-up
- Would like to sell tickets for their March 9th Spaghetti Dinner (February 24, March 3rd) during coffee hour and put up a banner outside advertising their event 2 weeks prior

MOTION: To approve Troop 51 requests. (Mark Meyer, Gary Cation). APPROVE

Moderator Updates:

Kim Perkins

- Council members please sign up for devotion dates
- Search and Call Committee
 - Teams have been assigned topics/ papers and are revising
 - Time line chart for this process has been displayed on bulletin board in church
 - Possibly create a task force to celebrate/ preserve our church history before it's gone (it was noticed that the last time our church wrote about the church history was from 1978) the chapel will be 150 years old in 2020. This was brought up because of the SCC has to write a brief history of our church
 - Need to approve a Just Peace Church mission statement, before new minister arrives

Gary Cation

- Working on finishing "Safe Church Policy" for June
- Putting something out in the next 6 weeks, changes will come afterward

Action Items

- Tech Task Force formation (Kim Perkins)
 - A few people have been asked to devise a plan for our church, regarding technology and its implementation

MOTION: To create a Technology Task force which will be appointed by the moderator, to work on a new technology implementation plan for our sanctuary, with a 6 month operation time frame. (Mark Meyer, Gary Cation) APPROVED

- Draft letter to UCC Pension Board
 - Letter will be added to and revised for a later date.

Other follow-up Discussion Items

Discussed the following topics

Adding Just Peace language to our church Mission Statement

Youth representation on Council

Revised Council membership structure and nomination process

New Business

Outreach House

3 fundraiser requests were submitted by Outreach House – Jan. 31 Portillos Dine Out, Feb. 15-22 date and place TBD, Human Race 4/27/19

MOTION: To approve the 3 fundraisers (2 dine outs, Human Race) for Outreach House. (Cal Bloesch, Lynda Wilson)
APPROVED

Team Updates

Management Team

Fire Inspection – Went well, a couple modifications need to be made, Management Team will take care of these issues.

Finance Team

Petition Board letter received

MOTION: To approved the Employer adoption agreement to be completed by the Executive Team. (Mark Meyer, Lynda Wilson) **APPROVE**

Wider Church

Faith in Place Farmers Market was a success

Conference call regarding the market and how it ran, anyone with suggestions are to get them to Dan Jares so he can share during this conference call

Requiring Follow-up

- Youth Ministries Team will discuss the possibility of a Youth Ministry member liaison.
- Denise will speak with possible historians from our church, and discuss beginning a group to maintain our church history.
- Teams will look over Transition Team suggestions and report back at our March council meeting.
- Each team will look over the church web site to see if improvements/ changes need to be made, especially to ensure all content is current

MOTION to adjourn at 10:02 pm (Gary Cation, Denise Dabisch) **APPROVED.**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

February 18, 2019

Devotion: Gary Cation