

Hilltop United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Present: Bob Berg, Don Putzier, Bonnie Weingartz, Paulette Adams, Kerry Rausch, Pastor Matt Sipe, and John Phelps (via phone).

Don Putzier opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Berg moved, seconded by Bonnie Weingartz, to approve the September Church Council Minutes. Motion carried.

Bible Study: Pastor Matt lead a bible study of Acts 6:26-40.

Visioning: Pastor Matt reviewed handout title *4 Big Signs It's Not Going to Turn Around* by Carey Nieuwhof asking council members to frame this in leading Hilltop into the future and that the job of church leadership is to serve with humility and minimize detractors.

Leadership Focus Question: What have I done in the last month to help someone grow in faith? Council members responded with the following: confirmation students are learning to use the bible, youth students are exited, talked to parishioner about attending the Walk to Emmaus, moved mother-in-law and was able to talk to her about prayer, working on video options for the church to enable Hilltop to share in a new way.

Covenant: A draft covenant for Church Council members was presented and reviewed. Council members were asked to review and provide input. The final document is expected to be formalized in December 2019 or January 2020.

Calendaring: Pastor Matt presented calendar items which included: October 27 – Consecration Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday, November 16-District Day in Windom, November 24 – Collection and blessing of Operation Christmas Child boxes and Andrew Bittner will be preaching,

Finance Report: Kerry Rausch presented the financial report. Paulette Adams moved, seconded by Bob Berg, to accept the financial report. Kerry asked for Council input on what information they would like in the financial report and they would like the revenue and expense amounts for a quick snapshot and that a full report be available upon request.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Brett Coleman and Marcia Wahoske are new members of the Trustees and Eric Mundt has stepped down. Exterior windows in the fellowship hall will be replaced soon as weather allows.

Technology: The Westby's joined a church service via Zoom. The possibility of live streaming and using technology to reach shut-ins was discussed.

Missions: The October bloodmobile had 32 donors being able to donate 27 units. An April drive will be scheduled. Pastor Matt moved, seconded by Paulette Adams, that 50% of the funds raised from the Christmas Festival be donated to the Backpack for Food Program. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed by Pastor Matt offering the closing prayer.