

**Hilltop United Methodist Church**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Don Putzier, Matt Sipe, Michelle Behsman, Barb Keith, Paulette Adams and Derrick Galinat.

Don opened with prayer.

**Minutes:** Matt made a motion to approve the minutes from November with a second from Paulette. The motion carried.

**Finance:** Michelle provided a report of last month's finances: In November general giving was \$20,426.84. \$7,937.65 was received in Capital Campaign pledges. Expenses were \$20,764.78 and net income was -\$62.65. Working general fund balance at the end of November was \$23,051.31. Capital Campaign funds received to date: \$279,730.41 of the \$497,110.00 pledged. Barb made a motion to approve the finance report, with a second from Derrick. The motion carried.

**Budget discussion for 2025:** Council reviewed each line item, discussing reductions to bring the budget more in line in order to impact the net income. Expenses have increased in some accounts and there was zero spending in several accounts. After adjustments were made, the budget presented was 3.9% less or \$11,965.00 less than 2024. Matt made motion to approve the 2025 budget, with a second from Derrick. The motion carried.

**Calendaring:**

- a. Dec. 22—Children's Christmas Program, one service at 10:30am
- b. Dec. 24—Services at 1:30pm and 4:30pm
- c. Dec. 29—One service at 10:30am
- d. Jan. 5—Celebration grand opening of sanctuary, one service at 10:30am, DS Woojae Im will not be visiting.
- e. Jan. 24-26—Youth Ski Trip
- f. Feb. 23 to March 1—Midwest Mission Distribution Center trip

Pastor Matt closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Behsman