

Clinton Heights UCC November 2021 Council Meeting 11/16/2021

Attendance: Max Martin, Cindy Miller, Julie Kirk, Carl Kirk, Tom Poole, Tina Koonz, Nicole Forth, (all via Zoom meeting)

Opened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 PM

**Secretary/Minutes:** Edited during the meeting. Motion to approve based on edits made during the meeting was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer:** On Air item will be removed for next year - does not play well with Zoom. Approved.

**Financial Secretary:** A little low. Maybe lost some members. Approved.

**Deacons:** Looking into church school on Saturday mornings. Will be mostly little kids and will be over Zoom. Confirmation class coming up for Aidan and Josh. Voted to reopen the church to pre-covid conditions at Joint Committee meeting (with masking), and asking Linda to resume decorating. Doing coffee hour again and starting regular communion again in December.

Have an advent theme. The Inn: Housing the Holy

Decorating the church on Sunday the 28th before church for Advent. Working on poinsettia orders. Will not include the option to honor individuals with poinsettia orders this year. Looking into snow closings - will just mean shutting the church, not closing down Zoom. One application for music director was received.

**Pastor:** Online Saturday morning Sunday school - found the curriculum from SparkHouse.

Geared more toward younger kids, since that is the majority of our current potential students.

Tracey is looking forward to trying this new school. In-person: hoping that Ellen will do it once or twice a month. Only child in-person is Shyenne. Tina, Tom, and Barb worked hard on the budget. Working on Advent church stuff, it will be similar to last year but more geared toward the in-person aspect that we've re-started.

Tentative bulletin from Ed for Thanksgiving. Working through it. Have it mostly figured out.

Collection: request to turn the camera around and play some music.

**Property:** The roof work and porch work was completed without too many issues. Some complaints from Paul and Tina. Barb ran into Tina from the parsonage after the work was completed and she seemed ok with the work that was done (roof and porch), but learned that Tina and Paul are looking into mortgages and potentially purchasing a home.

**Old Business:**

Music Director: Discussed during budget, but did not go over application in detail. Not enough money in budget but enough to cover some special music from Dan Sampson and some church members.

**New Business:**

2022 Budget details: going through the budget item by item. Some points of discussion:

2021 actual:

Some donations are not as clean when using VANCO. Generally a passthrough but need to be represented now.

2022 proposed: short by approximately \$7k. Tom, Tina, and Barb worked on slashing a few things.

Proposing raising the parsonage requested donation for 2022. Up to \$900/month for one year (2022). Max will present to Paul and Tina.

Currently leaving out the music director position due to lack of funds. Only have about \$2k of float with removing some major items and that is being put into the music supply category.

Tabling discussion of Matt COLA raise.

Some items require additional research, but we will bring this to the congregation shortly - discussing holding a budget informational meeting before the official congregational meeting to go over the main points.

Adjourned at 9:30 PM

**Next Meeting:** Special Meeting November 30 at 7:30 PM.

Informational meeting Dec 5 with congregation

Congregational Meeting Dec 12

December 28, 7:30PM official Dec council meeting