

May 9 Council Highlights

Council Chair Vince Snowbarger called the meeting to order at 3:45 PM. Members present were Jackie Berger, Brenda Engdahl, Lynne Evans, Dave Guenther, Carolyn Snowbarger, Vince Snowbarger, Sally Swartz, and Pastor Pam Stofferahn. Treasurer Sue Stern and recording secretary Joan Moyer were present. Charlie Carson also attended. Sabrina Butler and Terry Butler were excused. Brenda opened with prayer.

- Sue presented the April financial report. Although April contributions were below budget, the year-to-date totals continued to be higher than budgeted by over \$8,500.
- Sue next presented the proposed budget that reflected changes from last meeting. By consensus \$150 was shifted from building projects to Worship to cover the cost of an additional piano tuning in the upcoming year. With that change, the proposed budget was approved. Council also approved establishing a care reserve of \$500 by shifting the funds from general reserves.
- Dave presented an update on the air conditioning and cabin projects. The A/C units are in place, but we are awaiting electrical connection. This should be done the first week in June. A new sidewalk connecting to the log cabin will be installed next week.
- Vince presented proposed bylaw changes to the article concerning membership. Council approved the article for submission to the congregation at the annual meeting in June.
- Proposed changes to the bylaw article related to ministerial staff was presented. In addition to providing for the selection of an interim pastor, the changes also clarified the roles of PST and council in the selection of a called pastor. Council approved the proposed changes for submission to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Jackie announced that the redesigned UCSJ website is now operational and invited council members to visit the site. Ministries were encouraged to make more active use of the site to announce activities and programs on a regular basis.
- Carolyn announced a desire to make more active use of the log cabin facilities by encouraging existing or new support groups to meet in the building.
- There was brief discussion about responding to the recent decisions regarding gay marriage and other LGBTQ issues in the United Methodist Church. While the UMC continues to deal with the situation, UCSJ will continue to prayerfully wait for further decisions to be made by the denomination. We will try to follow those decisions in Plum Corner each month.

Lynne closed with prayer. The next council meeting will be on **Thursday, June 6 at 4 PM.**