

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2017

**Present:** Ken K., Sandy M., Pastor Brent, Dan and Darci G., April Metzger, Al B., Eric T., Kim B., Rose A., & Doug VH, Mitch and Amy K., Marilyn and Joel M.

**Opened with Prayer:** Pastor Brent

**Minutes of Last meeting:** MSC

**General Business:**

- Ken shared his appreciation for the past year.
- Dan G. asked to renew membership to Wesleyan Covenant. This is 1.50/church member. This motion was seconded by AB and approved.
- Neighbor helping Neighbor. Eric K has sent out a request, others were collected.
- Ken made a motion to host the Dave Ramsey Financial Class in Jan or Feb. This was approved.
- If you want to do a Bible study or some event at church or associated w/ the church please email what you want to do to Rose or come to a monthly church council meeting and get approval.
- Discussed possibility of doing a newsletter that his handed out at various time throughout the year to keep church members informed.

**Church Surveys:** This past year the congregation was asked to participate in church wide survey The results are in:

- The overall score w/ all questions was 3.8 out of 5.0. No score was under 3.0 in any area.
- The top 7 highest scores related to Pastor Brent's engagement or his sermons.
- Moving head w/ the building project was supported overall with 47.8% saying "I think it's a good idea" (See building project notes for more on this)

Ask Pastor Brent for copy of comments and questions if you want to see full review. These surveys have been analyzed and some changes have been implemented, more will come as needed.

**Treasurer's Report:** No changes

**SPRC Report:**

- Dan G shared his thoughts on the timeline for the Methodist church to make decisions regarding it's stance on same-sex marriages and LGBT issues surround the church. Anticipates we will know more about the churches direction this next spring.

**Trustees Report:**

- Discussed where the church building/expansion project is at. Agreed to meet in May 2018. If anyone wants to donate to this project as it is anticipated to move forward just don't have a specific timeline set up yet, please deposit checks into offering plate w/ "building fund" noted in comment section of check. Anticipating building in 2019 but that is yet to be fully determined.

**Christian Ed Report:**

Sunday School is in full swing. We will continue to use the current format. If anyone has feedback on this please share with Pastor Brent. Overall, comments have been positive. Space issues were discussed as some classes are pretty big for the size of the rooms.

**Youth Group Report:**

- Kids and Leaders adopted 2 families this Christmas and delivered there gifts.

**Missions Report:**

- December:
  - Various church members went caroling in Rock Rapids at a nursing home and at Fellowship Village. This went well. We had lots of stockings to give out to those living in those locations. Afterwards the group went out to Pizza Ranch.
  - Donations were made for Bread of Life.
- January is the Banquet, sign up will be soon.
- February is Youth group Supper

**Worship Report:**

- Elementary SS program was finished up this last Sunday evening. It went well.
- Discussed possible changes to Sunday Morning worship were discussed:
  - Having just greeters at the doors to sanctuary and not greeters at outside door.
  - Ending the handshaking/greeting time during the service
  - Work on doing first song at 9:25am

**Pastor's Report:** Brent encouraged people to share ideas/thoughts/feedback w/ him on things they like and don't like. He wants people to express things to him and not feel like they don't have a voice in things.

**Old Business:** Survey was reviewed.

**New Business:** Next meeting will be January 10 at 6:30pm

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.