

11/30/17 Minutes -- Strategic Leadership Council

St. John United Church of Christ, Bellevue KY

Meeting duration: 5:35 pm – 8:45 pm

Attending: Steve Howes (chair), Theo Baldwin, Lonnie Fields, Pastor Keith Haithcock, Alan Imberg, Ginnie Kelley, Dale Sexton (interim Treasurer)

Prayer and Preparation

Ginnie Kelley provided a meditation. All read the St. John Vision and Mission and the SLC Goals statement (from Charter documents):

Strategic Leadership Council Goals... *In the spirit of the above Vision and Mission statements and in order to transform St. John United Church of Christ into a vital, fully alive mission outpost - receptive to the Word of God, moved to action by the Holy Spirit and living the commission of our savior Jesus Christ - the **Strategic Leadership Council** (SLC) establishes the following agenda*

Consensus Items Approved

- October 2017 Minutes
- November 2017 Agenda

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Keith presented the Pastor's Discretionary Assistance Fund (PDAF) Balance Report.
- A group from St John, including Pastor Keith, met with representatives at St. John's UCC in Newport regarding the Illumination Youth group participation. The discussion was positive and progressive, and resulted in discussions on healing and future shared activities. The latest Prevues newsletter features an advertisement on St. John's Newport's mentoring program for youth.
- Our Cub Scout troop will formally present their charter to SLC on Sunday, January 14. SLC members are asked to be present.
- Pastor Keith has discussed training and orientation on the church office's new computer system with Mitch.
- A building use agreement has been renewed with the Cincinnati Men's Chorus (CMC) Mannerchor ensemble. With this arrangement, we receive one ensemble member singing in the St. John Chancel Choir each week, two vocalists participating in the St. John annual variety show, and an advertisement in the CMC's concert program this coming performance year.
- For the Christmas Eve evening service, Pastor Keith requests that we contract with Cincy Sits (babysitting service recommended by other churches) for child care at a reasonable rate.
- MOTION: Lonnie moves that SLC authorize the Pastor to contract with Cincinnati Babysit for childcare, within the constraints of the MMAP (budget). Ginnie second. Motion passes.
- Pastor Keith is planning for a Spring book study (Spiritual Growth Series) related to mental illness concerns, with a guest speaker from Indianapolis who will also preach during a Sunday service.
- MOTION: Alan moves to approve travel and honorarium expenses for a guest speaker on Mental Health Sunday (May 20, 2018), for an amount not to exceed \$400, to be charged against the Adult Education/Spiritual Growth Series budget line. Lonnie second. Motion passes.

Financial Reports: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Monthly Activity

- Dale presented the October 2017 Treasurer's Report with a correction in the total current running balance. MOTION: Lonnie moves to approve, Ginnie second. Motion passes.
- Dale presented the November 2017 Treasurer's Report. Full Treasurer's report follows these minutes. MOTION: Ginnie moves to approve, Alan second. Motion passes.
- Steve discussed the Financial Secretary Report, sent by Mary Ann Reilly by email. He also discussed the Financial Trending report (YTD).
- Steve provided an update on the search for a replacement permanent Treasurer.

Designated Giving & Related Policy

- Steve led discussion on a recent designated gift to the church. ACTION: Steve will follow up with Mary Ann and others regarding next steps with this gift.
- SLC seeks to develop a policy regarding designated monetary gifts. In brief, the intent is that funds should be directed to an approved designated fund or to a special project (carpeting, handbell maintenance, etc) following discussion with SLC.
- ACTION: Steve will draft a policy for SLC discussion based on this meeting and other sources (e.g., UCC Gift Acceptance Policy).

Pastoral Staffing Discussion

- Ginnie presented on considerations for future pastoral staffing and the potential impact of staffing decisions on fulfilling church ministries and mission.
- SLC members discussed current church budget and level of support provided to enable the pastor to fulfill the mission of the church.

MOTION to adjourn by Alan, second by Ginnie, all approve. Pastor Keith led a closing prayer.

Next meeting date is Thursday, January 4, 2018 (date change) at 5:30pm. Meditation: Lonnie.

Treasurer's Report November 2017

For SLC Meeting of St. John Church United Church of Christ

Submitted by: Dale Sexton 11/30/2017 (acting Interim Treasurer as of 10/1/2017)

| | <u>September</u> | | <u>October</u> | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5/3 Main Checking (XXX5) | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 09/16 | 29,769.48 | 10/14 | 28,986.01 | |
| Checks | | (5,623.53) | | 2,107.38 | |
| Withdrawals / Debits | | (11,498.80) | | 13,977.75 | |
| Deposit / Credits | | 16,338.86 | | 24,697.35 | |
| Ending Balance | 10/15 | 28,986.01 | 11/15 | 37,598.23 | (not a reconciliation balance) |

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| Memorial Fund (XXX4) | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 09/01 | 7,952.68 | 10/01 | 7,820.11 | |
| Withdrawals / Debits | | (177.70) | | 0.00 | |
| Deposits / Credits | | 45.13 | | 0.13 | |
| Ending Balance | 09/30 | 7,820.11 | 10/31 | 7,820.24 | (not a reconciliation balance) |

| United Church Funds Invested Funds | | | <i>Market Value</i> | |
|---|-------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Balance at Beginning of Period | 09/01 | 62,500.04 | 10/01 | 48,110.19 |
| Order to Sale Units | 09/11 | (15,000.00) | | 0.00 |
| Change in Value during Period | | (1,945.34) | | 525.67 |
| Balance end of Period | 09/30 | 48,110.49 | 10/31 | 48,636.16 |

| BB&T Investments (XX24) | | | <i>Market Value</i> | |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Previous Value | 09/01 | 124,043.58 | 10/01 | 125,754.96 |
| Estimated Portfolio Value | 09/30 | 125,784.96 | 10/31 | 127,251.52 |

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| MOTA Checking.... (XXX3) | | | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 09/01 | 8,478.27 | | | |
| Checks | | 0.00 | | | |
| Withdrawals / Debits | | 0.00 | | | |
| Deposit / Credits | | 0.00 | | | |
| Ending Balance | 09/31 | 8,478.27 | | | |

Current Running Balance of financial liquidity from online banking

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| 5/3 Main Checking | 33,081.76 +/- | (as of 11/30/2017) |
| 5/3 Memorial Fund | 8,840.24 +/- | (as of 11/30/2017) |
| UCC Invested Funds | <u>49,160.05</u> +/- | (as of 11/29/2017) |
| | 91,082.05 | |
| BB&T Investments | <u>129,666.53</u> +/- | (as of 11/29/2017) |
| | 220,748.58 | |

*15,000 was added to main checking from the UCC Invested funds withdrawal on 9/11/17