

**Suquamish United Church of Christ**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2016**  
**6 pm Brown Bag Meal, 6:30 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Claudia Fogle, Doug Daman, Laura Spray, Sophie Morse, Kelly Raber, Lee Gunby, Rev. Bill Comfort, Mel Haug, Loren Gerhard

**Congregants Present:** Phyllis Knight, Kathy Haug, Vicky Bower and Carole Glen from Unity

**Opening Prayer:** given by Rev. Bill Comfort

**Check In**

**Review of Meeting Guidelines**

**Review/Approve Minutes From 9/26/16 Meeting:** Moved and approved with unanimous consent

**Congregant Comment Period** Carole Glen mentioned that Unity is very interested in holding another Harvest Dinner co-hosted by SUCC, with a tentative date of November 12. Council members agreed it was a good idea, and asked her to move forward with planning. They will attempt to identify UCC members who could assist with the effort. Carole also expressed Unity's appreciation for their ability to share use of our facility, and the developing relationship, and the sentiment was reciprocated by Council members.

**Pastor's Report:** Bill reported that study groups are going well.

**Church Administrator's Report:** Not present. It was noted she is doing a good job! Phyllis mentioned that the computer is back up and running after a ransomware hack.

**Special Case Charters:** Council briefly reviewed edits done, and unanimously approved dissemination of the charters for Personnel and Pastoral Relations committees.

**Constitution Committee – draft revision review:** Loren walked members through the remaining questions after the last meetings review, and resolved all remaining questions for a draft to be ready for congregant review. Loren will revise some wording for clarity, and meet with Finance committee to come up with draft language to simplify the constitutionally required financial positions. Final draft should be ready for approval next meeting. Noted that we still need to finish developing a revised confidentiality policy.

**Adult Programs** – Nothing to report.

**Centennial Committee** – Kathy Haug reported that the centennial book is ready for orders, and passed around a review copy. She also noted that there will be a Concert put on by Tanya Opland on December 9, and 30% of proceeds will go to the church. This will also be an occasion to mark the end of the centennial year celebrations.

**Children and Youth Programs** – A get together for youth is planned to view Harry Potter matinee movie on Black Friday. They are also planning an event to decorate the church for holiday season. There will be a kids program at worship on December 11, and a cookie sale.

**Community Outreach** – Kathy Haug presented an image of a proposed Free Library in a small outdoor enclosure to be posted on the property across the street next to the Kitsap Transit Shelter. Council expressed support. It will be constructed by volunteers. They are also looking a ways to support Standing Rock protestors with a solicitation for gas cards, and will work out the details. We agreed to hold a special collection for this purpose. Committee is also interested in supporting the Suquamish Food Bank with donations, and will coordinate with members who also support Fishline.

**Communications** – Website new look voting is being solicited from congregants. Expect to have results implemented on the website in the next few weeks.

**Facilities** – New router being installed this week. New rinse water control valve being installed on dishwasher this week. Moss abatement treatment has been applied to roof. Noted that Claudia is researching options for replacing carpet in nursery, and also suggested considering replacing carpet in the office and the robe room.

**Finance** – Phyllis gave the finance report. Financial statements were moved for approval with unanimous consent. New bookkeeper is on board and working out fine. Finance committee will meet November 11 to go over proposed revision of constitution related to financial management.

**Pastoral Assistance – Called2Care** Bill reported that the committee is having “an identity crisis” and they are working on a new format. He said to “stand by to be amazed”.

**Pastor Selection** – Survey results were tabulated and distributed to council members, with many thanks to Kathy Haug for putting it all together. They will be released to congregants this week.

**Pastor Relations** – They are meeting regularly and it is going well. Plan to do monthly for the present.

**Personnel** – Nothing to report

**Worship** – Meeting regularly and going well. Planning a Blue Christmas service. Communion will be given every service during Advent. Mary Eisenhardt is planning an SCK Christmas Dinner.

### **Other Items:**

**Council trial experiment feedback:** Loren will distribute email notes and encourages other members to weigh in. There was a desire expressed to develop criteria to judge its effectiveness by identifying goals, and assessing our progress. May potentially post thoughts to Dropbox, for others to add in. Members noted that the Dropbox site is a little confusing, and Doug offered to attempt to clarify its use for us in a subsequent email, with assistance from Sophie.

Because of the hour, the discussion of Open and Affirming policy was tabled for next meeting, and will be queued up early in the next agenda

**Our Next Meeting:** November 21, 2016

**Adjourned:** 8:35 pm