

**Orinda Community Church**  
**Minutes of Church Council**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**Council Attendance:** Fred Matteson, Kurt Sunderbruch, Kathleen Wiegand, Gail Mead, Karen Sanford

**Clergy Attending:** Jim Brommers Bergquist

**Attendee:** Kathi Kling, Accounting Officer

**Minutes:** The 1/16/19 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 1/20/19

**Moderator's Report:** Fred will reach out to the OSV board to discuss/get status on the OSHF project. New flooring for the Fellowship Hall/library will cost about \$15,800.

**At-Large Member Reports:** Mercy and Justice will continue to give money to certain agencies (Shelter Inc.) like it's done in the past but will also financially support those in our congregation who have a passion for a charity and are willing to provide service on their own. M&J wants to earmark some of its budget up front each year for mission work so Karen will talk to Kathi about how to do this.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathi Kling reviewed the final 2019 budget including staffing, which is the biggest part of the budget. Committed pledges for the year are \$355,000. Loose offerings were increased to \$19,000. The Council moved and approved the final 2019 budget. We'll run the capital campaign later on in the year or early next year. We've discovered the source of our ongoing water leak is underneath the kitchen. Lani will call our insurance company to see if we're covered. Kathi will provide financial reports to the Council every month and to the ministries/committees every quarter. We'll call a meeting of all the ministry/committee chairs to provide training on the budget reports and any other pertinent issues.

**Senior Minister Report:** Jim is excited about the AP visit in early March and will be able to tell the congregation more about the candidate closer to the visit. Amy Parlett will chair the Children Youth and Families Ministry. Jim and David continue to discuss different styles of worship to reach our community in different ways. They will try out some of their ideas on March 17. Jim is taking on projects within the community to increase recognition of our church and encourage visitors. He's coaching track and doing a parenting class at the Lafayette library in April. At last week's PRC meeting they discussed different ways to care for our congregation and how to meld the efforts of our care teams and parish callers. Will come up with a new system. Jim is up for a sabbatical in April and we can get grants to fund it. He has a project in mind on creating podcasts. Jim held a confirmation class retreat in Half Moon Bay last Sunday/Monday.

He will add some “God moments” to the worship service where individuals take 3-5 minutes to reflect on the way they’ve experienced the Divine.

**Vice Moderator’s Report:** Kurt provided an amended list of the nominations and appointments for 2019. A few additional changes were made. He’ll be attending the Why Christian Conference at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in early April.

**Next Steps:**

Lani—call our insurance company to see if it will cover repairing the water leak under the kitchen

Karen—talk to Kathi about earmarking M&J budget for mission work

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 6:30 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk