

**Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, June 28, 2017**

Council Attendance: Gail Mead, Fred Matteson, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Dave Hoppock, Bob Winbigler, Kurt Sunderbruch

Clergy Attending: Jim Brommers Bergquist

Ministry Chair Attending: Jeane Samuelson

Minutes: The 4/26/17 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 5/25/17

Moderator's Report: Gail and Fred attended the NCNC-UCC Annual Gathering. The Conference had 4 resolutions and all passed. The theme of the conference was "Come Home to Peace, Go Forth to Disrupt." Fred will do a Moment for Mission on 7/9 to report on the AG to the congregation. We need to create a 9-member search committee ASAP. The Council appoints the members and then they're elected by the congregation. Gail will do an e-blast to ask for volunteers and nominees. After establishing the search committee, we can hold forums to inform/discuss what we're looking for with the congregation. We need the committee by September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day. At the last Endowment Board meeting Andy raised the issue of needing a capital campaign to raise enough money for numerous projects. The board may put up seed money to get a consultant. Fred will check on leads for a consultant.

At-Large Member Reports: Bob received a list from Pete and Andy of front-burner projects involving the sanctuary men's room; rot in the olive grove bench backs; opening some Agape walls to allow water to drain; protecting planter box boards from skateboarders; and fixing a water leak outside the fellowship hall. Lani will check with Holden to ask for some financial support on their furnace repair. Dave mentioned the Yosemite trip was moved to October due to flooding and we already have 14-15 campsites reserved. Dave discussed a contact database system he's created. It can generate reports on births, new members, deaths, etc. and extract data as needed. It identifies various group members (bells, choir, Council members, etc.) who may be contacted by email when needed. Dave will talk to Lani to see about using this system for financial data.

Treasurer's Report: An announcement will go out this week reminding members to keep up on their pledges. We'll bring Kelsey on as of August 1 for 3 months of non professional status. As of 11/1 (after being ordained in October) she'll be moved up to professional status. Her contract is for one year starting 8/1/17.

In keeping with increasing our rental income, Kathleen discussed pursuing rental income from a group that's been using the sewing room for free for at least the past 2 years. The Council supported such an effort and Kathleen will continue to work on this idea. Another possibility for income is renting out the OCC upper parking lot to BART riders. Lani will advise Elisabeth to pursue this idea.

Senior Minister Report: We have a table to share with the Methodist church during the 7/4 festivities in Orinda. The minister at St Mark's will do a swap with Jim on 7/16. Michelle and Jim met with an Oakland minister to gain insight on sharing space between churches. Will continue to discuss issues. Church staff calendared some important dates and discussed how to engage the congregation in weekly, non-Sunday activities. How do we care for our group during the week? Is there a need or a want for this? So far, we have better attendance at our second hour events on Sundays. The Guatemala trip was great. Lani was a great leader. Jim will be away the end of July/early Aug; Sally and Kelsey will preach. 11/5 is the fundraiser auction.

Vice Moderator's Report: OSV report coming up in July.

FOCUS: Annual Review/PRC Report: The Council moved and approved going into a closed, executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Next Steps:

- Fred—do a 7/9 Moment for Mission on the Annual Gathering
- Gail—do an e-blast for volunteers/nominees for Search Committee
- Fred—check on leads for a capital campaign consultant
- Lani—check with Holden for financial support for the Holden furnace
- Dave—talk to Lani to determine if new database could work for financial data
- Kathleen—pursue idea of renting out sewing room
- Lani—advise Elisabeth to pursue idea of renting out upper parking lot spaces to BART riders

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2017; 7:00 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk