Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Council Attendance: Fred Matteson, Kurt Sunderbruch, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Gail Mead, Karen Sanford
Clergy Attending: Jim Brommers Bergquist
Minutes: The 2/28/18 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 3/7/18

Moderator's Report: The OSV Board felt our 3/18/18 special church meeting went well and answered many questions from the congregation. The congregation will vote on 4/22 to empower the Council to negotiate the MOU with OSV. The MOU isn't legally binding and the Council will advise the congregation of any complications. Fred will provide the vote announcement message for the April *Neighbor*. We need to complete the Sunday Fellowship Hour refreshment calendar. Gail will provide a current ministry/committee list to Kurt to pursue assignments. Fred will notify choir to cover April refreshments (except for 4/1 which is covered by CY&F). M&J is covering May. Fred is contacting recommended fundraisers to run our Capital Campaign and will schedule interviews.

At-Large Member Reports: Gail will meet with LL&S on 4/9. Gail for Bob: Tom Norris has been doing a great job on the furnace and continues the work on it. Karen reviewed M&J events: a May food fundraiser; baskets for children in Children's Hospital that the JAMM Camp kids will put together in June.

Senior Minister Report: Determining where the Easter offering will go this year. Considering how we can support youth in the community. We have between 5 and 8 people who will be joining the church on May 20. We are preparing to send the AP search survey to the congregation ASAP. The Council provided feedback on the survey. Jim is working to identify the strengths of our church (welcome, warmth, staff and clergy, large campus) and how to build on those strengths as a congregation. What can we improve upon for the whole church experience? This year JAMM Camp will partner with Mindful Littles who will put the word out to their folk. Jim is working on how to partner with community schools (e.g., on youth health and wellness) to support kids and get their families involved. Jim is working on an alternative day/time/format for a worship service for those who can't/don't attend on Sunday mornings.

Vice Moderator's Report: Kurt did a recent Moment for Mission on the importance of the congregation joining our ministries/committees. No one volunteered and there are several vacancies. Gail will provide a list of ministry/committee leaders to Kurt who will

get updates on who's on what committee and work with the leaders to fill the gaps. We will have the leaders do Moments for Mission to inform the congregation about what they do and what they need. The leaders need to advocate for membership and provide for rotation of their leadership. The second Sunday in September, we'll set up ministry/committee tables in the Narthex to explain the committees and solicit volunteers. We could also advertise the vacancies in the *Neighbor* and explain what each ministry/committee does. Kurt will also have the ministry/committee leaders sign up for Fellowship Hour refreshments.

Next Steps:

- Fred—draft announcement on 4/22 vote on MOU for next *Neighbor*
- Fred—advise choir to cover April Fellowship Hour refreshments
- Gail—provide list of committee/ministries to Kurt
- Kurt—contact committee/ministries to determine current members and fill any gaps; complete Fellowship Hour refreshment assignments

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 25, 2018; 6:30 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk