

**Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

Council Attendance: Fred Matteson, Kurt Sunderbruch, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Karen Sanford

Clergy Attending: Jim Brommers Bergquist

Minutes: The 9/23/19 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 9/28/19

Moderator's Report: Fred will get an update on the OSV project.

At-Large Member Reports: Karen reported on new events. M&J is considering whether we want to be an institutional partner with Common Hope, participating in some annual activities and PR efforts. Food Bank activity is next Thursday and Winter Nights is coming up. We continue to be grateful to Tom N. for his guidance/work on the gas leak.

Vice Moderator's Report: Kurt met with Jim last week on action items from the August retreat and will do some follow up (e.g, sound systems; social media strategy). We want to make the retreat file available via the web site so the membership can see what we're working on. Kurt reported the shuttle van idea to help people get to church isn't economically feasible. Carpooling/Uber to church might work better. Kurt could use some help on the nominations for next year. We need to get this into the Neighbor.

Treasurer's Report: We've had problems with the finance computer not printing and a slow AT&T Internet line. Kathi found a remote consultant (Lisa Berini) who will evaluate all our systems, tell us what's wrong, and fix the problems. The consultant will also come in once a year to evaluate and resolve as needed. All agreed this was a good idea. Lani is exploring possible creative measures involving some staff salaries for future budgets. She's tracking current pledges to see where we stand and is also working on next year's budget.

Senior Minister Report: Jim's wellness work at MHS is going well with parents volunteering to bring skills (e.g., guitar playing) to the group. He held a new member class for a couple of weeks and we have 4 people who will join the church on Sunday, 12/8. Elizabeth's official installation is set for early November. The PRC hasn't received a lot of feedback yet for Jim's 5-year review. The Wednesday contemplative service is going well and the reverends continue to contemplate how to meet the needs of our church folks. The writing group and book club are going well.

Elizabeth joined the Council meeting after the contemplative service ended and mentioned a TOPS mother came in to ask about doing some yoga classes for women in our space. Elizabeth explained our labyrinth and the mother was interested in that, too. The mother knew how open and affirming OCC is so it was a great connection (people using our facilities for one activity and seeking space for additional activities).

Next Steps:

Fred—get an update on the OSV project

Kurt—provide nomination blurb for the next Neighbor

Fred—determine next Council meeting; 4th Wed (11/27) is the day before Thanksgiving

Next Meeting: TBD

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk