

Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Monday, September 23, 2019

Council Attendance: Fred Matteson, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Gail Mead, Karen Sanford

Clergy Attending: Jim Brommers Bergquist

Minutes: The 7/30/19 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 8/4/19

Moderator's Report: Held a second hour discussion on the OSHF project last Sunday. Showed the attendees the preliminary site plan (confidential due to prelim status). The Council will issue a FAQs document to cover issues of interest. It's unlikely OSHF will be able to offer any preferences for church members. OSHF is determining the square footage costs of the units.

At-Large Member Reports: Karen reported on M&J projects: trying to do a food bank visit in October; Winter Nights is in November; and support for 6 "CCIH" families is in December. OCC clean up day is this Saturday. Will have another Multi-faith action speaker in May. Lani asked for recycling training for the Winter Nights guests. Karen will advise Nancy T. that Karen and Jan R. can do this training. Bob reported per Tom N., we received the wrong light bulbs from China so the scaffolding remains in the sanctuary awaiting new bulbs.

Treasurer's Report: Lani is monitoring the pledge income to see if it's on board. She'll put together the 2020 budget at the end of September including a new line item for infrastructure. TUTH is about \$43,000. We need to do a capital campaign. Our last campaign was about 15 years ago and raised about \$680,000. It will be 2023 or so before we have any income from OSHF and it won't generate enough annually for our infrastructure needs. OSV has made some fixes and we need a blurb in the Neighbor about their help. Sean Barcelon stated in a 9/14 email that the new electrical conduit will come from OSV and because of that the parking lot lights will be maintained by OSV. There will be a Stewardship Campaign meeting this Sunday.

Senior Minister Report: We've held two Wednesday contemplative services with good attendance in the reconfigured Chapel. Jim's auction paella party is this Saturday and he invited about 10 of the new church attendees to join in. There will be a new member class in early October. Jim's working with the Miramonte principal on how he can help with wellness issues. He'll start running a youth group at the school on Mondays (non religious). He'll be there to listen to what the students need and help provide it. Jim and

Elizabeth had 16 people at the Aging as a Spiritual Practice group last week and this group will continue meeting monthly. If we're going to have a somewhat full second hour schedule, how should we do ministry/committee meetings that also occur on Sundays? Perhaps we can designate one Sunday (third or fourth) a month for ministry/committee meetings and not schedule a second hour for that Sunday. Will try to start this in January.

Next Steps:

Karen—conduct recycling training for Winter Nights guests

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk