

Ministries Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
1000 AM—Library

1. Chalice Lighting & Check In: Rev Scott, Pete Kersey, Cindi Jorgensen, Marian Wenzel, Susan Schmitke.
2. Review Agenda
3. Previous Minutes: Accepted
4. Minister's Report: Rev Scott report that all is going well. Bobbi Kilgore's internship is progressing nicely. We have received an anonymous gift of \$25,000. Yippee!! Finances look solid. We have 4 new members.
5. Board Liaison's Report: Susan reports that there are some proposed changes to Sunday Fund that will be discussed at future Board meetings. The Founder's Day celebration will be in conjunction with the Stewardship Dinner. Terri Domino is constructing a survey to define who we are as a fellowship. The Stewardship campaign will be headed by the Hights this year. The donations for WQCS are commencing in order to afford the Fellowship access to advertising. A meeting for long range plans is coming up.
6. Facilities Council Liaison's Report: None received
7. Team Reports
 - a. Jean Panuto email report: Congregational Services: Membership is up to 243!! Yippee!! The All About UU class has been changed from November 11 to December 2. There will be a Thanksgiving Potluck, with Jean continuing her lifetime role as coordinator.
 - b. Marian Wenzel: Operations: There was a discussion about the Facilities Council plan to remove the wallpaper from the library. Marian presented a counter opinion from the Library Committee that disagrees with the decision due to reasons including the extreme hardship doing so will put on the Fellowship due to having to virtually disassemble the library, and also the fact that the persons involved actually like the way it is. After a discussion, the Ministries Council voted to recommend that this plan be abandoned and that the library will stay as it is. The library remains busy, the archivist works every Wednesday. The Book Cart continues to bring in money. The

- Elderbration was a huge success and should be an annual event. The communications folks really need some help with facebook. Scott recommends enlisting Bobbie Kilgore's help and will talk with her.
- c. Krisin Jolly's report on Religious Exploration: All sessions are well attended and successful. New sessions are planned all the way into fall of 2018.
 - d. Cindi Jorgensen Social Activities: The event at Walking Tree was very successful, with 36 member attending. More off campus venues will be explored. Women Who Lunch has rekindled under Marian Vrusho. The Singles, Breakfast, and Men's groups are going well. There are fourth Friday type event planned through September. Cindi will plan one for February.
 - e. Susan Schmitke: Social Justic: The tables at coffee hour are going well with good participation. The petition drive is focusing on felons' voting rights. The Sunday Fund continues. Project Ninos is underway with focus on monetary donations. There are some issues with recycling in our parking lot with folks using the bins inappropriately. Black Lives Matter is focusing on action to make the presence of Confederate flags unacceptable on public school campuses. The collection of toiletries for the homeless donations continues. There will be a presentation of "Move to Amend" on January 23rd.
 - f. Pete Kersey: Spiritual Growth: Claudia Jimenez has chosen to be ordained at UUFVB. Sue Burt has devised a pew card so attendees can give feedback about their experience at our UU. Scott is planning on a sermon regarding the recent controversy in the big UU picture regarding white supremacy in its organization. Black Lives Matter may be changing its name for purposes of perception. Christmas Eve services will be at 1000 and 1700. There will be a quiche brunch on New Year's Day. Covenant groups are going very well. The Music Committee is pondering how to use the \$1000 donation from Bill Mur

8. Next Meeting— December 13, 2017

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