

**Orinda Community Church
Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, May 23, 2018**

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

Clergy Attending: Jim Brommers Bergquist

Minutes: The 4/25/18 minutes were approved unanimously by email on 4/29/18

Moderator's Report: Fred will talk to Mark regarding the plans for the OSV project. The Church Profile from the AP Search Committee looks good and aptly reflects our circumstances. Fred will advise Mike Kersten on the Council's approval. Next, the profile gets published, apps will flow to the Conference, and we'll ask them to send us all the apps for consideration. Next year is the church's 80th anniversary and this could tie in nicely with our Capital Campaign. The Annual Gathering of the Northern California Nevada Conference UCC meeting is June 14-17 at Sonoma State. We can send three delegates. Kurt will check to see if he can attend for Fred, along with the Thursbys.

At-Large Member Reports: Gail reported LL&S sponsored a great forum on gender issues by Ann Sherpick. LL&S is working to improve organization of the church library and automate the check out process. Using a laptop will allow users to easily search for and check out books. Karen reported M&J continues to work on the Children's Hospital project. We raised \$1300 for the Alameda and Contra Costa Food Banks and 6 people worked at the Alameda Food Bank last Monday. Jim is working on an online sign up process for the Fresno Interfaith Refugee Mission in August. He continues to work on ways the church can be an advocate for community youth. Bob reported he's ordered a light fixture for TOPS and is researching new lighting outside the sanctuary. Pete H. is working on finding our water leaks—Bob will check in with him for status. Bob mentioned Teeb Thomas passed away recently. Jim is checking on service arrangements.

Treasurer's Report: We're in good shape to date with the pledge monies coming in. Jim will write up budget information for the June *Neighbor*. Lani has asked Endowment for landscaping money and will provide an estimate to them. The half year financial statements will be issued around July 1.

Senior Minister Report: Jim went to a program for clergy on what it means to be open and affirming. He's deciding how to apply the suggested actions to our congregation. We need to revisit what it means to be open and affirming and could do a second hour

on this led by LL&S. We welcomed 7 new members to the congregation 5/20 and said goodbye to the Griers. Dorothy Ferguson and Anne Copenhagen passed away a week ago. Nate and his wife had baby girl and Kelsey is engaged. Jim met with the PRC and discussed his goals regarding youth advocacy. JAMM Camp is in June. Jim will be a chaperone for the youth trip to Hawaii June 24-July 1.

Vice Moderator's Report: Kurt has reached out to the ministries to get their rosters updated and he provided the reporting template for their use. He'll see if Mike K. can attend the Council's June meeting to provide an update on LL&S.

Next Steps:

Fred—talk to OSV Board about the project plans

Fred—advise Mike Kersten regarding approval of the church profile

Kurt—check with the Thursbys to see if they can attend the 6/14-17 Annual Gathering

Bob—check with Pete H. for status on church's water leaks

Lani—provide landscaping estimate to Endowment

Kurt—check with Mike K. (LL&S) on attending the June Council meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 6:30 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk