**Church Council Minutes**

**March 26, 2019**

Present: Charlie Kindleberger, Sue Fazio, Clint Cruse, George Sessen, Kathy Wire, Rev. Gary James and Lynn Hunt

Absent: Steve Smidowicz

**Upcoming Meetings**

March 31 – Canvass Brunch

April 5 – 7 – Regional Assembly (several members are attending)

April 7th – Clark Lecture with Brittany Packnett (advance tickets are advised)

April 11th – Tom Countryman Lecture – Peace Economy Project

April 14th – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 18th – Maundy Thursday Service

April 27th – May 5th – Candidating Week

May 4th – Fellowship Dinner

May 19th – Annual Meeting (Reports due on April 24th)

June 9th – Tower Grove Park Church Picnic

**Recent Events**

ERDE presented an Equinox Celebration with Mark Biehl on Tibetan Singing Bowls

Forest Park Litter Pick Up coordinated by Tom and Judy Crouch

Toward Justice has started a White Privilege journal group and Faith and For the Sake of All workshop

**Committee Reports**

* Facilities had a work day and gardening day.

Moved and Seconded that up to $2000 be made available for use by the Facilities Committee to purchase partitions from the Memorial Fund for Hope Chapel and the Sanctuary.

Approved Unanimously

* Membership – several new people have joined in the recent months and we recently had a child dedication. New members will be recognized in the service on June 2nd followed by a luncheon.
* Finance – committees will be contacted about their budgets. It is anticipated that the budget will the same as this year.
* Worship – it was decided to go back to the older method of hanging of the banners in the sanctuary (all spring banners will come up at once) Summer worship services are being discussed.
* Social Responsibility – Homeless outreach was very difficult this year and overwhelming. George Sessen is receiving an award for his efforts with the unhoused. Sandwiches – George Sessen will submit a work plan on how to run a sandwich Sunday.

**Canvass Progress and Committee Budge Considerations**

$7500 is available for a match in the canvass (anything in an increase as of this week, or new pledges)

Handwritten notes have been sent to those who have not pledged as of yet.

**Fellowship Dinner**

People will bring wine & appetizers

It was decided to order lasagna & salad for the meal. Will decide if we need to charge or if there are funds to underwrite the event this year.

Names of people being honored were passed around. Members decided who to interview. Bios are due by April 25th. Music was discussed.

**Schedule During Candidating Week**

The Search Committee will be working on the schedule.

Submitted by Lynn Hunt