

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & WESLEY FOUNDATION
MARCH 13, 2019**

ATTENDANCE:

Voting Members: Jack Basiago, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Alicia Grandy, Jane Harris, Jim Korner, Amy Marshall, Scarlett Miller, Phil Mohr

Non-voting Members: Jen Gruendler, Becky McGee, Greg Milinovich

Other Attendees: Russell Bloom, Jeff Mugridge, Kevin Sikorski, John Young

CALL TO ORDER:

D. Flick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

G. Milinovich welcomed members of the newly reorganized Council and provided a brief overview of the background that led to the reorganization and changed focus. He then invited all members to introduce themselves and share their stories of how they came to be members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

G. Milinovich led a discussion on the book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive," by Thom S. Rainer. Issues raised by the author that resonated with Council members included:

- Obsession over church facilities
- Living in the past
- Inward focus of the budget
- Lack of a clearly defined purpose

Many Council members described the book's message as "depressing." J. Korner reminded members that despite our many challenges for the future, good things – for example, the tremendous growth of our campus ministry and congregational involvement with it – are still happening at St. Paul's.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting were approved.

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT:

G. Milinovich discussed the decision made at the Special Session of the General Conference 2019 to adopt the Traditional Plan and the challenges now facing our denomination. He and other Council members shared their dismay with the decision. G. Milinovich explained that the adopted legislation is currently under review by the UMC Judicial Council; a decision is expected to be announced at the end of April. Congregation-wide discussion about the denomination's adoption of the Traditional Plan and what it means for St. Paul's going forward will be scheduled after that. Council recommended that G. Milinovich let the congregation know that such discussion will be forthcoming; he agreed to do so.

ACTION ITEM:

Endowment Fund Distribution: The Board of Trustees reported that the Endowment Fund held with Merrill Lynch decreased 5.38% in 2018. The closing balance as of December 31, 2018, was \$1,588,314. The Endowment Investment Committee recommended a 4 percent distribution for 2019, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 31, 2019. A vote was taken on the Board of Trustees motion; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary