

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & WESLEY FOUNDATION**  
**December 10, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:**

- **Voting Members:** Jack Basiago, Steve Falke, Dave Flick, Alicia Grandey, Kelly Grimes, Jane Harris, Jim Korner, Al Stewart, Darrin Thornton
- **Non-voting Members:** Becky McGee, Greg Milinovich, Sarah Voigt
- **Attendees:** Rebecca Connelly, Jeff Helfrich, Tammy Peterson

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:**

G. Milinovich shared his thoughts about the meaning of "hope," focusing in particular on how it relates to the current division in the United Methodist Church.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 22, 2019, meeting were approved.

**FINANCE REPORT/2020 BUDGET:**

J. Korner reported that expenses are expected to exceed income for 2019 and that there will likely be a significant shortfall in 2020 if expenses remain the same. With that in mind, the Finance Committee, with assistance from B. McGee and T. Peterson, considered the following in preparing the proposed 2020 budget:

1. Income and expenses through October 2019 were analyzed. Program managers were asked to identify any 2019 expenses that could be delayed or eliminated.
2. Income and expenses were projected through December 31, 2019. Options for addressing the income shortfall were identified and discussed.
3. Actual expenses for 2019 were used as a starting point for projecting 2020 expenses.
4. Responses to the stewardship campaign through week 5 were used to project pledged income for 2020.
5. An analysis of non-pledged giving for the past 5 years was used to project non-pledged income for 2020.
6. Total projected income for 2020 was compared to projected expenses for 2019. A significant shortfall is projected.

J. Korner reported that the Finance Committee, the PPRC, the Board of Trustees, and the pastors are currently working to identify programs, services, and staffing that can be reduced or eliminated. He stated that the final 2020 budget cannot be completed until

that process is complete. Accordingly, the Finance Committee is seeking Church Council's approval of a preliminary budget as detailed in the following motion:

**Motion:** The Finance Committee recommends approval of a preliminary 2020 budget with expenses exceeding income by approximately \$168,508. The Finance Committee will present the final 2020 balanced budget for approval on or before the February 2020 Church Council meeting.

**Discussion:** K. Grimes stated that she was not comfortable approving a preliminary budget with so many unknowns. J. Korner explained that approval of the preliminary budget is necessary so that the church can continue to pay its expenses in January. G. Milinovich stated that plans are in place to reduce expenses and balance the budget, but they are sensitive in nature and cannot be revealed at the present time.

**Vote:** The motion passed with eight members voting in favor and one member abstaining.

#### **NOMINATIONS/LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

G. Milinovich presented the following motion from the Nominations/Leadership Committee:

**Motion:** The Nominations/Leadership Committee recommends that Lindsay Fairman be appointed to the Board of Trustees.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously.

#### **WRITTEN REPORTS:**

There were no questions about the written reports.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

G. Milinovich announced that there will be a workshop titled "Building an Inclusive Church" on February 8 at Wesley UMC in Bloomsburg. He encouraged Church Council members to attend.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

D. Flick adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Harris, Church Council Secretary