

## May 15, 2025 Church Council Meeting

Present: Ophelia Behee, Bob Behee, Cindy Gentry, Mary Ann Fenstermacher, Marianne D'Amato, Changsu Kim, Mary McCoy, Warren Livingston, Vickie Hammons, Mike Webb, Doris Yantis, Julie Italiano, Steve D'Amato, Harry Moyer, Phyllis Stauffer, Avaree Norman

Julie opened the meeting with prayer.

Ophelia gave SPRC report. Pastor transition is complete. Julie reports she met with pastor Brennan, and will report to us how he wants his reception handled. Part time digital media coordinator Karen de la Pena will put information in the newsletter.

Marianne gave trustees report. Roof replacement will start on May 19 on east side of building. Deductible for roof is \$50,000. We are getting quotes for parking lot resurfacing and sidewalk repair. Fire alarm panel will be replaced with a newer model which will connect with the elevator and pass inspection. We have funds available for these projects, and will determine in collaboration with finance committee how they will be allocated. We will be changing cleaning company from City Wide to Stratus in June.

Steve gave finance report. He will give more detail about fund allocation for projects discussed during trustees report after finance committee meeting on May 27.

Cindy gave scholarship report. There were a total of three scholarship applicants: Molly Laughton, Grace Laughton, and Ryan Gentry. The scholarship committee recommended and approved plan to give \$3000 to each of the applicants. Church council members present are in agreement.

Warren gave missions report. Blood drive on May 13 was successful. Goal of 21 donations was met. Next blood drive planned on August 6.

The council would like to thank and commend Marianne D'Amato for working with the insurance companies and getting the cost for the roof down from \$150,000 to \$50,000. Well done!!!

Changsu gave pastor's report. Our outreach efforts have been successful, as evidenced by consistent numbers of first time visitors and strong, consistent financial giving. Changsu encourages us to continue promoting the church as a gathering place through outreach ministries. When people need church, they will think of us. Outreach is working slowly. He will leave us trusting God and anticipating positive outcome. Changsu had meeting and good conversation with incoming pastor Brennan Cummings, who has already served eight churches. Pastor Brennan was favorably impressed with our many care ministries and the good condition of the church building. Changsu will keep his SUMC email address active for approximately two months and redirect callers to new pastor. Annual Conference will be held June 4-7 in Salina, KS.

Church Council will meet in June only if need arises. Marianne will email church council members a trustees update. Next scheduled meeting will be on July 18, 2025.

Changsu closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Mary Ann Fenstermacher