

# MORROW

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST

# CHURCH

Church Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

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## A G E N D A

1. Opening Prayer
  - a. Pastor Janice opened the meeting in a prayer.
2. Welcome and Check-in
  - a. Present: Janice Sutton Lynn, Brenda Wheeler Ehlers, Mary Sue Price, Dawilla Madsen, Melinda Wilkening, Barbara Illingworth, Brooks Leonard, Dan Sugarman, Brooks Leonard, Maureen Hurd Hause, Holland Jancaitis, Fred Profeta, Chris Pisciotta, Kristen Kush, Krystal Woolston, Ayo Akinuoye, Loren Condon, Bruce Schafer, Betsey Gordon, Marcia Roebuck, Jon Simmons, Judy Rogers, Tia Swanson, Jon Simmons
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Fred Profeta motioned to accept and approve the minutes from the 1/27/21 church council minutes.
  - b. Chris Pisciotta seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
  - c. Minutes from the church council will be posted on the church website so all members can view.
4. Senior Pastor's Report
  - a. Pastor Janice utilized Mentimeter to start the visioning process and receive feedback from church council members on what the assets of Morrow Church are.
  - b. Morrow Church was invited to participate in the Back from the Brink Campaign resolution, which is a resolution from New Jersey Peace Action to call the abolishment of nuclear weapons.

- i. This was sent to community and global outreach to take a closer look at the request and compare it with the denomination's social principals and to research the organization New Jersey Peace Action.
5. Associate Pastor's Report
  - a. Pastor Brenda updated the council on the numbers of youth outreach.
  - b. Pastor Brenda shared the summer calendar of events to date.
6. Christian Education Committee Report
  - a. Jon Simmons shared Christian Education Goals, especially that students to be able to practice a faith that is meaningful to them.
7. Music Report
  - a. Holland Jancaitis reported that ensembles are diminished but "hanging tough" with a really dedicated group in each choir, although handbells are a challenge.
  - b. With proper equipment, we hope to live stream services after we return full time to in-person.
8. Global and Community Outreach
  - a. Melinda Wilkening reported on our collection for headphones to be used by home schooled children through Welcome Home Jersey City (First Friends); 29 have been purchased, 11 still needed. The link to contribute is on the Morrow website under "How we Serve."
  - b. Next meeting is this Sunday 2/28/2021.
9. Finance Report
  - a. 2021 Budget passed. Brooks Leonard noted that the only change is a nominal increase for property insurance. We will be paying all of our liabilities to the conference this year.
  - b. Morrow Church meets eligibility criteria for the second round of PPP loans. The Finance Committee recommends Morrow Church apply again.
    - i. Brooks recommended and Fred Profeta motioned to apply for the 2021 COVID-19 relief of \$123,000.
    - ii. Chris Pisciotta seconded the motion.
    - iii. The motion passed with 18 yes votes and one no vote.

10. Membership Report
  - a. Loren Condon and Kristen Kush updated the rolls to accommodate for transfers and changes. Morrow has 544 current members.
  - b. Updating New Member classes
    - i. Proposing two sessions; one to know all about Methodism and Morrow, and one to know what is going on in the church, who key connections are, and what the small groups are.
  
11. Stewardship Report
  - a. Fred Profeta reported that we have \$350,000 pledged for 2021.
  - b. 19 members who pledged last year have not yet done this year, so there will be outreach.
  - c. Special outreach to those who have never given.
  
12. SPRC
  - a. Maureen Hurd Hause reported that the new Bookkeeper has begun working.
  - b. All staff evaluations are complete and conferences with each staff members except for one have been completed.
  - c. Updated staff support teams will be created for 2021. It was suggested a firmer schedule for staff meetings with their teams might be helpful.
  - d. Employee handbook is in progress.
  
13. Board of Trustees Report
  - a. Chris Pisciotta reported that an informational meeting was held on February 10 for all new members to review policies and procedures.
  - b. There is a 4% cap draw down from the Trust.
  - c. Will be making decisions on projects at the upcoming meeting on March 17.
  
14. Housekeeping
  - a. Mary Sue Price asked all chairs to please let us know when your committee meets and asked for each to post a meeting schedule.
  - b. Google drive – all committees have folders for their committee- please make sure you are uploading your documents and meeting minutes.

15. New Business
16. Adjournment
  - a. Dan Sugarman motioned to adjourn the meeting.
  - b. Brooks Leonard seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Pastor Brenda closed the meeting in a prayer.

2021 Meetings – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

~~January 27~~

~~February 24~~

March 24

April 28

May 26

June 23

August 4 (combined July/August meeting)

September 22

October 27

December 1 (combined November/December meeting)