

Round Valley UMC

Final Minutes for the

Ad Council Meeting on October 12th, 2021

Attendees included: Steve Wells, Lesley Wells, Marg Simpson, John MacKay, Pastor Sam, Rich Schultz, Annie Walls, James Walls, Gail Yusiewicz and Ben Yusiewicz

Ben opened the meeting with a prayer.

Ad Council acknowledged and accepted the previously amended September 8th 2021 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Committee:

- Council acknowledged that the Food Pantry and Thrift Shop will co-share the old basement Sunday school room (the room in-between the library and Food Pantry).
- Clean out old Nursery Room to support Marlene's "card making activities" currently located in the basement Sunday School Room.
- Water leaks under stairs and near front door. Masonry contractor required. Council to be advised of repair costs prior to work commencing.
- Fellowship Hall
 - Renovations: Trustees have proposed to install a new drop ceiling with lighting
 - Freezer: Council approved the purchase of replacement freezer; Trustees to proceed with purchase and installation.
- Electronic Church Bells
 - Ad Council agreed with Trustees' suggestion to install a Carillion system.
- Hedge Row
 - Jim to schedule this project with the Boy Scouts
- Bat Issue "2.0" Ehrlich Update
 - At this Council meeting, it was reported that bats were spotted again exiting the Sanctuary attic space. Ben agreed to again notify Ehrlich.
 - It was also noted that we were told by Ehrlich, that their Technician is supposed to inspect both of our attic spaces on a monthly basis. In addition, Ehrlich Technicians did not perform their duties.
 - And Ben also believes that Ehrlich's bat exclusion proposal did not cover any future cleanup services required by another firm
 - Starting October 12th, 2021 John Mackay on behalf of the Trustees Committee, has accepted responsibility for managing bat issues.

Pastor's Report

- RVUMC Church Conference
 - Reminded Council of this event and had emailed Church Conference documents.

SPRC Report

- Rich provided an update on all SPRC activities

Finance Committee Report

- Gail provided a Profit & Loss Statement from January thru August 2021:
 - Net Income as of September 30, 2021 \$ 139.48
 - Income carried over from previous years \$ 23,657.37
 - Checkbook Balance as of September 30,2021 **\$ 23,796.85**
 - With a healthy checkbook balance of almost \$ 24,000, RVUMC's 2021 income will increase upon receipt of shared Parsonage expenses from Changewater

Missions & Ministries

- Missions
 - Arc to start cleaning on October 14th with 2 workers
 - Council approved Annie to order 4 packs of Advent Calendars recommended by Jen Rooney (~ \$36.00)
 - Missions current total account balance **\$2,304.49**
- Loaves of Love
 - Currently, the Food Pantry serves about 12 clients who visit Loaves of Love plus an additional 6 clients to whom food is delivered to their residences
 - Reminder that the Food Pantry had *never* closed their doors during the pandemic
 - Food Pantry clients can shop by *picking and choosing* their goods
 - For those receiving food via home deliveries, our dedicated group of volunteers:
 - Receive orders over the phone
 - Pack orders in boxes, including refrigerated and frozen products
 - Then make the requested deliveries
 - As has been previously reported, the Loaves of Love Food Pantry has graciously received the following outside funds in 2021:
 - **\$4,000 Grant** from Norwescap
 - Grant received end of March and needed to be spent by end of May'21
 - With the substantial increase in food pantry products, additional storage capacity was needed
 - Grant distributed as follows:
 - \$ 3,000 Food
 - \$ 500 Household products
 - \$ 500 Parking lot snow plowing
 - **\$1,200 cash** donation from Lebanon Reformed Church
 - **\$1,000** in credit from ShopRite Corporation for spending only at Norwescap
 - Also, the Food Pantry had received during the summer, hundreds of pounds of fresh produce and vegetables from Grow-a Row, in Pittstown
- Easton Mission
 - 30 meals were made/assembled and delivered

New Business:

- Proposed Book Donation Bin by Lesley
 - Council approved the Book donation bin
 - Trustees to determine bin location on church parking lot
- Council agrees that the RVUMC Website needs to be updated.
 - Question remains by whom?

- Council approved the reinstatement of Counters
- Council approved Love Offering of ~ \$1,000.00 to support Bound Brook UMC recovery
 - Council agreed to donate as “seed” money (\$826) consisting of 4th of July proceeds, UMW checking account closure and an unknown source
 - Lesley told Ben/Gail to make the bank deposit for all funds supporting this Love Offering
- Council approved to share Ad Council Meeting Minutes with Congregation
 - Ben will send Minutes to Pastor Sam who will include in distribution in both emails and Sunday Bulletins

Closing Prayer (Pastor Sam)

Next Council Meeting

- Proposed for Wednesday November 10th