

Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 04, 2017

Present: Abri Houser, Bob Love, Brian Bither, Chuck Dunn, Gary Martin, Joann Buerge, Kathryn Bachman, Kristen Metzler-Wilson, Krystal Johnson, Rod Maust, Sam Bixler.

Rod opened with reading I John 1:5-9

Transition Process—Gary

Gary reviewed the transition timeline. Following the January Vision Discovery Group Sessions, a one page vision statement will be formulated with 2-3 goal areas, each with 2-4 measurable/dated objectives. This will be presented to the congregation in February for review and approval.

A Structural Evaluation Task Group will be formed to evaluate our current structure and make recommendations on improvements that might be helpful. Council (with an open invitation to any other interested members of the congregation) will review their recommendations before presenting this to the full congregation in March for final review and approval. A number of names were suggested as members of this task group.

A decision has been made to use two Sunday School sessions each month in Feb, March, and April for transition work in hopes that the process can be concluded by the end of Gary's one year contract. Some things, e.g. updating the Shalom handbook, can be done after the formal transition process has ended.

Some time was spent reviewing the transition process that has occurred to date.

Ministry Reports:

Bob reviewed the end-on-year 2016 financial report.

Joann reported that Rachel Love has volunteered to accompany Marcella and a friend to Jr High Snow Camp.

Krystal noted a Game Night for Friday, February 17.

Shalom will be hosting the IN-MI Mennonite Conference Cluster meeting on Saturday, March 11.

The Mara Christian Church continues to actively look for their own meeting space on the south side of town.

The congregation did approve joining the Anabaptist Disabilities Network at the December 4 budget meeting. A new mission statement was approved by the congregation on December 11.

Next meeting—Wednesday, March 15, 7pm

Most of this meeting will be devoted to reviewing the Structural Evaluation Task Group's recommendations.