

Agenda for SWA Executive Council meeting Thursday, 3/16/23 @ 6:30 PM

- Opening prayer

- Attending: Rachel Bauman, Janet Pugh, Tanya Sadagopan, Ruth Bradshaw, Roberta Tucker, David Mickle, Don Taft, Paul Karch, Lori Powell, Jessica Taft, Paul Hodel

- **Approve Minutes from January 19, 2023**
 - Review UCCI conversation for clarity on our commitments
 - Recalling discussion from UCCI: there was a ask for money, from 2022

- **Board of Directors Report: Paul Karch**
 - Morning discussion: with Rachel and Michael Jones (Northwest)
 - UCCI
 - Plans for the year, staffing, registrations, programming from Jim
 - Big picture on transactions between Conference & UCCI
 - Conference buying Daychola and moving up there
 - Good use of Conference resources
 - Progress toward becoming a WISE Conference

- **Associate Conference Ministers Report**
 - 3 settled calls in the Association, Ft. Atkinson, Salem,
 - A few more coming
 - 19 searches in the association
 - St. Stephens in north, selling building, closing March 26
 - Training with Andrew Warner, Shelly Stackhouse, how to transisiton sacret spaces ; tool for congregations, what role does the building play in our mission ; 3 congregations using this resource
 - David & Don at conference office helping clean out the conference office (clap, clap) Thank you !
 - Emerald Grove congregation need prayers ; had a very close vote to stay in UCC ; a split congregation ; leadership is not licensed in UCC
 - Movement to taking folks out of the UCC because denomination is more liberal than some people like ; remember there is no litmus test of belief

- **Treasurer's Report**

- January unrestricted of \$45,000
- Push back on dues: fewer members
- No February numbers
- Suggestion to put \$\$\$ in a CD; not a good idea at this time.
- UCCI 2022; he will finish sending money

- **Division on Church and Ministry Report Ruth Bradshaw**
 - Clergy Retreat; first time in person in a long time; 35 there
 - Meeting with new clergy in assn.
 - New member in discernment;
 - Welcoming new minister from Christian Church, Disciples in Christ

- **Social Concerns Committee Report – Jessica Taft**
 - Hasn't met since December
 - Difficulty getting applications from a wide variety of church; will look at the website and maybe change some of the language
 - Work on communication with churches

- **Updates on the annual meeting – Tanya**
 - Brochure, speaker, topic, breakouts and schedule
 - First parts of the meeting, opening worship and business meeting, will be live-streamed
 - First in-person for 3 years
 - Meeting at church in Janesville
 - Budget \$1000; plus registration fees

- **General Synod Delegates needed:** Young Male (2023 & 2025); Clergy Male (could be a lay person - 2023 & 2025); 2 alternates (2023 & 2025)
 - Rachel has come ideas

- **Meeting of Nominating Committee:** David Mickle, Jacy Boldebuck, Paul Hodel, Tanya, Rev. Lori Powell, Rev. Ann Beaty, Rachel Bauman(ex-officio)
 - Board Liaison
 - Renewing members?
 - 2 at large
 - Church & Ministry (Rachel working on this)
 - Social Concerns: new member; will others do another term?

- **New business**
 - Roberta's last meeting: THANK YOU for your years on the Executive Committee!!!
 - Paul's last meeting: THANK YOU especially for work when we met on Zoom annual meetings!!!
- **Next meeting: May 18, 2023**

Meetings will be scheduled in January, March, May, August, September, October and December.

The next meeting will be in May 18, 2023 @ 6:30.