**Orinda Community Church**

**Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**Council Attendance:** Kurt Sunderbruch, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Gail Mead

**Clergy Attending:** ---

**Minutes:** April and May minutes were approved by email and will be distributed

**At-Large Member Reports:** Gail is working on a database program (Microsoft Access) to help Buildings and Grounds preserve their project information in a way that’s easily accessible. The library has been painted.

**Vice Moderator’s Report:** We discussed the Leadership Retreat Kurt is planning for late August. It would include Council members, pastors, ministry leaders, and Leslie and David. It will probably be held at church for a half or whole day. It will help introduce Elizabeth to the church leaders and allow them to specify their roles, goals for 2019/2020, challenges, weaknesses, budgeting, and plans for accomplishment. What are the issues and how do we accommodate the challenges? It will clarify who is doing what. Kurt will make sure the ministry leaders know what “little groups” they’re responsible for, per the financial holding accounts.

Kurt and the Thursbys attended the Northern California Nevada Conference Annual Gathering a week ago. There were four resolutions:

* [Survival and Revitalization of the California Council of Churches and California Church IMPACT](http://ncnc.dreamhosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/NCNC-UCC-Resolution-re.-Council-of-Churches-1.pdf)
* [Establishing an Action Team to Conduct a Listening Campaign and Bring Recommendations on the Future of Christian Witness at General Synod](http://ncnc.dreamhosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Action-Team-Resolution-1.pdf)
* [Let Justice Roll Down: Declaring Support for the Green New Deal and Affirming the Intersectionality of Climate Justice with all Justice Issues](http://ncnc.dreamhosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Green-New-Deal-Resolution-2.pdf)
* [To Become a WISE Conference for Mental Health](http://ncnc.dreamhosters.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Wise-Resolution.pdf)

Local congregations should receive some guidance on these resolutions in the future. All but the first resolution passed.

**New Business:** Kathleen raised the question of using the OCC database as the official source for our church records on birth, baptism, death, marriages, and membership. This would allow us to stop making handwritten entries of these records in the church ledger. It was decided that before this can happen, Kurt will ask Dave Hoppock, creator of the database, to document how the database works and its dependencies. This will assure this is a stable solution for us, one we can maintain into the future.

**Next Steps:**

Kurt—advise ministry chairs of the “little groups” under their jurisdiction

Kurt—email Dave Hoppock to provide documentation on the workings/dependencies of the OCC database so it can be used as the source for church records

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 7/24/19, 6:30 pm; library

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk