

## **UCCPH Council Minutes, February 14, 2023, 5:30pm**

**Attendance:** Jan Narracci, Kay Frunzi, Brooke Albright, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Al Thompson

**Congregants in attendance:** Gus Burkhard

Al Thompson was established as the timekeeper.

**Opening prayer:** Pastor Olive

**Reflection:** Paul Campbell

**Missions Report:** Angie Law (by email)

Mission projects have been separated out across the calendar year to avoid overlap and to make it easier for the church to support each individual project. The Missions team would like the council to approve the Mission calendar for transparency purposes, although it is not required by the church bylaws.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Approve the tentative missions calendar for 2023.

At our March Mission meeting the team will decide on the disbursement of some of the committed funds. Some recommendations will include donations to Castle Rock Pride and the Spice project.

The Southeastern Association (SEA) is looking for a host for its annual meeting in October. There is no cost to the host as SEA pays for the catered luncheon and all business meeting materials. Council agreed Angie Law, current SEA moderator, can let SEA know UCCPH is open to hosting the meeting.

**Moderator report:** Jan Narracci

Sue Artt has is retiring as Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain UCC. SEA donated \$250 to La Foret in Sue Artt's name. The UCCPH Council will send a card as well.

It has been 10 years since UCCPH earned its ONA (Open and Affirming) status. Jan distributed an ONA self-evaluation handout for council members to review before the next council meeting.

**Interim Pastor Report:** Olive Hinnant

Olive suggested running an Easter ad in the Parker News in order to spread the good news about UCCPH. Ad sizes and prices were shown to the council. Council discussed the merits of advertising in the Parker News versus the Douglas County Thursday insert in the Denver Post, and other advertising options.

Olive will be away from Feb. 27-March 3.

A new members class will be offered starting Feb 26.

Olive's pastor profile has been updated and is awaiting validation by Rev. Erin Gilmore, the associate conference minister. Once validated it will become available for Olive's next position, pending the completion of the UCCPH pastoral search.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Paul Campbell

Going forward, Paul will move to doing quarterly financials instead of monthly. If something comes up that needs attention between quarterly reports, Paul will bring it to the council.

The Covenant Commitment team met in January. The 2023 stewardship letter has been distributed to the congregation. Two speakers have presented their invitation to giving so far. There is a need for a stewardship moment speaker for this Sunday.

A suggestion was made to put stewardship letters out every week for anyone to pick up if they need a replacement.

### **Old Business:**

Cleaning service - Jan Naracci: Cleaning will remain on an every other week schedule. The Montessori school will do their own cleaning of the spaces they use on a weekly basis.

Septic tank - Jan Naracci: The septic tank likely needs to be pumped out. Al Thompson will talk with Dick Sherer to see if he knows the last time it was pumped out.

Memorial Garden - Al Thompson: Al received an email from Paul Callahan's daughter, inquiring about a capstone for Paul's remains. Discussion of how many urns UCCPH currently has, how to obtain more in the future.

### **New Business:**

New team members needed - Jan Naracci: The nominating team, pastor parish team and council all need new members now or will in the near future. Jan (moderator) and Kay (vice-moderator) will both complete their two-year terms at the end of 2023. Two church members are interested in serving on the Pastor Parish team. One church member is interested in being on Council and possibly serving as moderator. All three members would need to be vetted before they can join either group. Jan will ask the current nominating team to stay together to complete the vetting for these three members. After this vetting, two members of the nominating team will stay on for another term and the team will need additional members for future vetting projects.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Melissa Birdwhistell be appointed to council, pending vetting, and voted on at the next congregational meeting.

Deacons - Jan Narracci: A head deacon is needed to organize the offering, lighting candles, hand out bulletins, etc. A sign up list was used in the past (pre-Covid) and people would sign up for the week(s) they planned to attend and help. Paul will write an announcement for the newsletter to encourage participation in this important role.

Building and Grounds - Jan Narracci: An informal group is currently getting work and maintenance done both inside and outside the church building. Gene Eliassen will contact members who have been contributing to see who is willing to be part of an official team. An “on call” option will be considered for handling issues that crop up. There is a need to have people who can be an emergency contact for the school in case something happens during the week.

Resolution to show common mission with Mountain View Montessori - Kay Frunzi:

The resolution reads:

The Council of the United Church of Christ Parker Hilltop declares that the Mountain View Montessori school is part of its mission and outreach. According to the UCCPH constitution, “We are a progressive church within the Christian Faith...to support all human and other life, to celebrate the love of God for all God’s children, and to extend the Good News of Jesus Christ to all persons without exception.” The Mountain View Montessori mission is, “To encourage the development of the whole child by providing a comprehensive Montessori education, cultivating independent thought and foundational skills as well as awareness of their environment; empathy for others; and confidence. To establish within a child the intellectual, emotional, and physical rigor needed to be a self-directed learner, flexible thinker, problem solver, and to support their curiosity about the world we live in; to help our students become future leaders in society promoting grace; to never stop learning while actively helping others.” Mountain View Montessori mission aligns with the UCCPH mission to support all human life and to celebrate the love of God for all God’s children. UCCPH considers Mountain View Montessori school as an outreach to extend the Good News of Jesus Christ through our relationships with the children, staff, and parents of Mountain View Montessori.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Approve the resolution.

Safety improvements - Kay Frunzi and Gene Eliassen: Bollards at the kitchen door and at the front double doors are a top priority. Council is asked to approve approximately \$400 for bollards, hinges, screws, strike plates.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Spend budgeted funds totalling about \$400 for bollards, hinges, screws, strike plates, furthering our safety plans for the church.

Bylaws discussion - Jan Narracci: Council discussed verbiage and content in sections 111, 112, 113, 201a, 303, 601. In order to avoid confusion, the listing of prior year and current amendments will be moved to the end of the bylaw document instead of being notated at the beginning. Bylaws revisions will be presented to the congregation for a 30-day comment period.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Adopt amended bylaws and present to the congregation for a 30-day comment period.

Anthony Scott’s letter - Jan Narracci: Rev. Scott is preaching this Sunday. Council discussed whether his presence will be perceived as UCCPH “taking sides” on the issue of his termination

from the RMC. This invitation to preach is an olive branch towards Rev. Scott as a show of appreciation for his ministry to our church.

Adjournment 8:04pm

Next meeting: March 14

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Albright

Recording Secretary