

UCCPH Council Minutes, March 14, 2023, 5:30pm

Attendance: Interim Pastor Olive Hinnant, Jan Narracci, Brooke Albright, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Al Thompson

Al Thompson was established as the timekeeper.

Opening prayer: Pastor Olive

Reflection: Jan Narracci

Moderator report: Jan Narracci

The Rocky Mountain Conference UCC Annual Celebration will be in Grand Junction, June 15-17. Jan is planning to attend in person. Other church members may attend in person or some will opt for virtual attendance.

Interim Pastor Report: Olive Hinnant

Discussion of how to use social media to advertise our presence in the community. Justin Abrell (Montessori school director) has volunteered to create the social media posts for us to use. A social media team would be helpful to monitor these posts and develop any future social media engagement.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Campbell

Paul feels the church may need to look for a new bookkeeper. Paul has consistently provided the necessary information to our current bookkeeper but doesn't receive reports back from her in a timely manner. This has been an ongoing issue for several months. Council discussed some possible solutions to this issue.

Covenant Commitment Team met and developed a short survey for congregants to give feedback on the giving campaign. The survey was distributed on Sunday and there were 33 responses received, including two comments from Zoom attendees. Council discussed the survey results and feedback that was received. Overall, the giving campaign received positive to neutral feedback.

Old Business:

Bylaws discussion based on feedback - Jan Narracci: A few congregants gave feedback on the bylaws revisions that were sent to the congregation for the required 30-day review and comment period. Council reviewed the comments and changes that were made.

Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved): Approve the church bylaws.

Update on Pastor Parish and Nominating teams - Jan Narracci: Pastor Parish Team is now Melissa Birdwhistell, Gary Ebert and Angie Law. Two church members are interested in the Nominating Team and one more is needed to complete the team. Al Thompson will speak to a member he believes might be a good fit for the team to gauge their interest.

Update on Deacon sign up - Paul Campbell: There have been a few people who have expressed interest in helping with the deacon program. A few more people are needed in order to have a team that can rotate duties. Paul will contact some of the regular attendees to build up the team.

New Business:

Name tags - Jan Narracci: It would be nice for council members to have quality name tags to wear during church services. We need to research costs to decide if they are worth purchasing.

Music Director job description - Job description for the Music Director has been updated. The job description will be posted soon.

Recognition program - Paul Campbell: Paul suggested starting a recognition program to show appreciation for our members who go above and beyond in their volunteer duties. Council discussed options for how to recognize our dedicated volunteers. Possible ideas include a parking space for the "member of the month," recognition at the Annual Meeting, putting a blurb in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin, creating a monthly display on a bulletin board. It was noted that April is National Volunteer Month and could be a good time to introduce some sort of recognition program. Paul will put together some ideas for how to best achieve this goal.

Adjournment 7:30pm

Next meeting: April 11

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Albright

Recording Secretary