

## UCCPH Council Minutes, May 9, 2023, 5:30pm

**Attendance:** Interim Pastor Olive Hinnant, Kay Frunzi, Brooke Albright, Melissa Birdwhistell, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Al Thompson

Al Thompson was established as the timekeeper.

**Opening prayer:** Pastor Olive

**Reflection:** Kay Frunzi, review of Council Agreements

**Interim Pastor Report:** Olive Hinnant

Pastor Olive thanked each member of the Council for their individual contributions to the Council and to the life of the church.

The Montessori School has hired someone to find the septic tank, which likely will need to be emptied. Gene Eliassen will contact a company that can do this work and get a quote.

The music director position has been posted in several locations online.

Olive will be away on May 28. Amanda Newsom Shaw will step in as the pastor that day and Ben Jenkins will provide music.

Olive will be away June 15-17 and Russ Kirby will fill in that weekend.

Olive has reached out to Joy Lutheran and the Unitarian Universalist Church to gauge interest in holding a joint summer event.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Give \$200 towards camp attendance for Izzy Wick.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul Campbell

Giving has been down the last two months, aligning with lower attendance over the last several weeks. Revenue and expenses are about even over the first four months of the year.

Paul and Don Wick are working on putting items together for a financial review.

The volunteer recognition initiative received about 15 individual responses from the congregation. Council discussed options for how to recognize the volunteers who were nominated.

**Social Media Team Update:** Melissa Birdwhistell

Melissa will put together an announcement for the newsletter seeking a few members for a social media team. Council discussed potential members for the social media team.

**Special Meeting:** Kay Frunzi

A Special Meeting will be held after church service on Sunday, May 21. Items of business are to approve Melissa Birdwhistell to join Council, approve Jeremy Birdwhistell and Lynn Stifel to join the Nominating Team, approve Angie Law and Gary Ebert to join the Pastor Parish team.

**Search Team Update:** Brooke Albright

The Pastoral Search Team has conducted a few interviews and is scheduling another one in a couple weeks. The team will meet with Erin Gilmore next Monday for a check in on the search process.

**Faith Formation for Summer:** Kay Frunzi

Eileen Enterline would like to take the summer off and there is currently no one to step in for her during the summer months. Council discussed how the summer break has been dealt with in the past. Council decided to discontinue Faith Formation for the summer. An activities table will be organized for families to choose quiet activities for children to do during the church service.

**Montessori School Update and Requests:** Kay Frunzi

Justin Abrell, Mountain View Montessori School director, will place bollards at the two church parking lot entrances. Gene Eliassen and Justin discussed placement and how to secure the bollards.

The school is dealing with licensing issues from the county. The septic tank needs to be inspected by an engineer. A public notice sign will be placed since the church is not currently zoned for a preschool.

Other items required for the preschool license to be secured include: replacing fabric curtains and fabric room divider in Callahan Hall with blinds and an accordion divider, fencing the playground, installing a simple bathroom (up-flush toilet, temporary sink) in the storage closet on the south end of Callahan Hall. The school would also like to utilize the stage in Callahan Hall.

**Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved):** Approve all the items Mountain View Montessori needs to do in order to be approved for their preschool licensure.

Adjournment: 6:55pm

Next meeting: June 13, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Albright

Recording Secretary