

UCCPH Council Minutes, June 13, 2023, 5:30pm

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

Guest: Melissa Kelsey, Pastoral Search Team

Al Thompson was established as the timekeeper.

Reflection: Jan Narracci

Opening Prayer: Pastor Olive

Special Announcement: Brooke Albright

Brooke is resigning from the Council due to personal reasons and other commitments.

Search Committee Consultation: Melissa Kelsey

The pastoral search committee has looked at several candidates with two being fairly promising. One candidate withdrew due to the financial package that is being offered. A second candidate was interested but is going into a final interview process with another congregation. The search committee is concerned the size of the financial package is limiting our options for candidates.

Moderator Report: Jan Narracci

There will be a new liaison for Rocky Mountain Conference moderator meetings starting in July.

Interim Pastor Report: Olive Hinnant

Olive believes the timing may not be right to develop and introduce a Relational Covenant, considering the other important issues the church is dealing with currently. Time and energy will be required to engage the congregation in the conversation. Having a settled pastor lead this project could be beneficial for the congregation down the road. Council discussed the matter and agreed with Olive's position.

Olive will be gone on Sunday, June 18, Russ Kirby will be preaching. Russ is in contact with the necessary people to have a smooth Sunday service.

Olive's contract is up in August. She plans for her last service to be Sunday, August 6.

Treasurer's Report/Covenant Commitment Report: Paul Campbell

P&L summary through the month of May shows a net income of \$476 for the year, which includes income from the Montessori school. Offerings are continuing to decline. The monthly average giving is about \$8k/month with \$10k/month being budgeted. Expenditures are staying within budget.

The church has around \$70k in the regular account. Paul put about \$25k into short term investment accounts to grow the church funds.

Resolution: Be it resolved that Council approves Paul Campbell, as treasurer, to make conservative investments with regular monitoring and reporting to Council.

The Covenant Commitment Team would like to do the peach sale again this summer. The cost per box from last year's supplier has gone up more than 30 percent. The team is looking for other suppliers we could use this year.

Old Business:

Septic tank update - Gene Eliassen: The septic tank has been pumped. The tank is an older model, 1000 gallon tank. The tank was deemed to be in good shape and functioning properly. Risers for the tank will cost about \$500 to bring the tank lid up to ground level. The drain field is likely under the church parking lot.

Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved): Approve funds (\$500) for High Plains Sanitary to place risers under the septic tank.

Volunteer recognition - Paul Campbell: Volunteer recognition is still in the works.

Montessori School needs - Jan Narracci: The school is still working on meeting county requirements for licensure. Changes noted in previous council meetings (small bathroom installation, blinds on the windows, new room divider) are in progress. Kay will compile a list of additional improvements the school would like to make for the council to review in July.

New Business:

Hilltop Social Club on UCCPH website - Jan Narracci: The Hilltop Social Club would like UCCPH to place a Hilltop School logo on the church website to show the church and the school have a historical relationship.

Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved): The school logo will be placed on the UCCPH website.

Be The Church banner - Jan Narracci: Pride Sunday is June 25. The Be The Church banner will be mounted outside the church building by that time. Pride Sunday will also be advertised on the digital sign.

Church Constitution amendments - Jan Narracci and Kay Frunzi: Council reviewed the amendments that have been made to the Constitution so far. Amendments are being made to

match changes that have already been made to the bylaws. Final amendments will be presented to the congregation for a 30-day review, likely in the fall.

Motion (Made, 2nd and Approved): Approve the amendments made to this point.

Executive Session at 7:10pm

Adjournment: 7:49pm

Next meeting: July 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Albright

Recording Secretary