

UCCPH Council Minutes, August 8, 2023, 5:30 pm

Attendance: Jan Narracci, Kay Frunzi, Melissa Birdwhistell, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Al Thompson, Denis Dunlap

Al Thompson was established as the timekeeper and Kay Frunzi as recording secretary.

Reflection: Jan Narracci

Moderator Report: Jan Narracci

Our church has a table reserved for Pride Fest on August 26 from 11:00 am-11:00 pm. Southeast Association (SEA) will have the fall meeting at UCCPH on October 21 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Worship Team Report: Kay Frunzi

Denis Dunlap will lead worship services on August 13, 20, 27, and September 3, 2023. His worship service theme of *The Church on the Hill* will focus on shining the light, compassion, love for each other, and forgiveness. The worship team has musicians lined up through September 24. Rev. Rus Kirby will start as transition pastor for UCCPH on September 6, 2023. His first worship service will be on September 10 with a potluck after the service to welcome him. A meeting with the Worship Team will be scheduled with Rev. Rus when he comes onboard.

Eileen Enterline selected two 12-week curricula from illustratedministry.com for Faith Formation. The units are *Celebrating God's Creation* and *Joining God at Work in the World*.

Treasurer's Report/Covenant Commitment Report: Paul Campbell

The Covenant Commitment Team is doing a peach sale again in August. 10 lb. boxes will be \$36, and 3 lb. bags for \$12. Peach pickup will be on Sunday, August 20.

Church giving is down, which is partially offset by reduced spending.

Old Business:

Constitution Amendment: Jan Narracci

Due to the upcoming transition from interim pastor to temporary pastor to a settled pastor, it was discussed the importance of having consistent church leadership through those transitions.

Motion (Made, 2nd, and Approved): Add an amendment to the Constitution to extend the term limits for moderator and vice-moderator for one year. The short-term amendment will expire at the UCCPH annual meeting in 2025.

Update on Montessori efforts: Jan Narracci and Kay Frunzi

The Montessori school is completing the requirements for preschool licensure for their upcoming opening. The carpet in Callahan Hall has been replaced with laminate. A temporary, and then a permanent, fence will be put around the playground equipment, and a retainment wall will be built outside the back door of Callahan Hall for a toddler playground.

New Business: Jan Narracci:

With the desire to grow our church membership, ideas were mentioned on possible ways. It was decided that the Council cannot take this on, and it will wait to be addressed by an outreach committee, which needs to be formed.

Melissa Birdwhistle provided the Council with a summary of what was discussed at Olive Hinnant's exit interview.

Compensation for Denis Dunlap filling in for worship service for four weeks was discussed, moved, and approved.

There was a discussion of the *Ethical Departure Guidelines* that was published by the UCC Conference.

Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Next meeting: September 12, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Frunzi, Vice Moderator