

UCCPH Council Minutes, (February 14, 2024) 5:30 pm

Attendance: Jan Narracci, Kay Frunzi, Melissa Birdwhistell, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Al Thompson, Pastor Russ Kirby, Gus Burkard, Luke McWilliams

Prayer: Pastor Russ Kirby

Farewell to Al Thompson and Welcome to New Council Members: Council

The Council thanked Al Thompson for his contributions to the Council over the years and welcomed Gus Burkard and Luke McWilliams to the Council.

Executive Session:

The Council went into executive session.

Moderator Report: Jan Narracci

Jan thanked Al Thompson for his service on the Council with a card and cake, and she welcomed Gus and Luke to the Council.

Words from Pastor Russ: Russ Kirby

The last day of Pastor Russ's contract is March 6, 2024. Pastor Russ thanked the Council and the church for being a place of healing. He asked for suggestions from the Council to guide him for the rest of his term at UCCPH. Due to time restraints, Council members will provide suggestions via a group email.

Treasurer's/Covenant Commitment Report: Paul Campbell

January's net profit was \$2,183.36. Paul will investigate the accounts that show faulty negative balances, and he will make the necessary adjustments accordingly.

Old Business:

Well Water Testing: As a result of the school operating in our church, we are now a public well system, which means that the water was tested and a mandate that the chlorine level is tested and added regularly. A chlorination pump and chlorination mixture tank need to be purchased and installed. The Montessori school is being contacted to pay for the additional costs, as these additional expenses are due to the school being in the building and changing the well status to becoming a public well system.

Montessori School Update: The church has a bent pipe that is resulting in the pipe backing up several times a month. The pipe must be fixed in the spring after the ground thaws. The cost will be covered by the church.

Music Coordinator/Pianist Position: It was decided to wait until our new settled pastor starts to recruit for a music coordinator.

Insurance Report: Melissa Birdwhistell has been working on the church's insurance policy to reduce the substantial increase in cost. It was decided to drop the insurance for the storage shed, which was insured at \$4,000. Melissa will continue to work to have sufficient insurance coverage for the church at a reasonable rate.

New Business:

Proposal from Eileen Enterline regarding the Hilltop Schoolhouse: Eileen asked for the church to write a letter of support and funding for the Hilltop Social Club as they pursue a grant for the Hilltop Schoolhouse. Eileen will talk with the Mission Team to discuss other options.

Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed: The decision was made to write a letter of support from the church and to allocate \$750 as a minimum contribution from the interest gained from the church bank account CDs to the Hilltop Social Club.

Mission Team: A request was made by Dick Sherer for the unused funds from 2023 be rolled over for use in 2024 for missions. No decision was made on the request, as further study was required. Currently, there is no Missions Team chair with Dick Sherer, Jean Sherer, and Shirley Wick as members, and Melissa Birdwhistell as Council liaison. Gus Burkard volunteered to pursue a chair for the team. March 10, 2024, is designated as the date for One Great Hour of Sharing.

New Idea Presented: An idea was presented to extend an invitation to church attendees to donate \$1.00 each Sunday, which will go toward missions. Multiple church members donate money to the church on a yearly, quarterly, or monthly basis, leaving the offering plate sparse. Dedicating the \$1.00 bills to missions will provide our church outreach ministry to the community, as well a provide an opportunity for attendees to put something into the offering plate.

Adjournment: 7:37 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Frunzi, Vice Moderator