

UCCPH Council Minutes, (March 12, 2024) 5:30 pm

Attendance: Kay Frunzi, Melissa Birdwhistell, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Gus Burkard, Luke McWilliams

Reflection: After an opening prayer, we shared our greatest hopes for our church in the next year. The Council asked Paul to gather the church team chairs and council for a meeting to encourage communication and collaboration among our church leaders. We will collaboratively look at the church mission and brainstorm church focus for the future.

Moderator Report: Kay Frunzi

Kay reported on the moderator meetings when Rev. Dr. Jason Whitehead from the Juniper Foundation presented a training on Conflict, Community, Consensus. He presented two tools: Power mapping and Relational meetings.

Treasurer's/Covenant Commitment Report: Paul Campbell

Paul did not receive the financial statement, so there was no financial report.

Old Business:

\$1.00 for Missions: The church Council is in support of encouraging the donation of \$1.00 from church attendees for missions. Kay will make an announcement on Sunday to the congregation.

Mission Team Update: Gus shared that the Mission team has new members with the team consisting of Gus Burkard, Shirley Wick, Karen Graham, Dick Sherer, Jean Sherer (Chair), and Melissa Birdwhistell (Council liaison).

Montessori School Update: The playground has a temporary fence until spring, when a more permanent fence will be installed. The chlorine tank had a leak, so it will be replaced. The church's cleaners and the school's cleaners both are cleaning the kitchen. The church cleaners will be asked to stop and will be requested to put the trash from upstairs outside in the trash container. There is a request that the church consistently run the dishwasher on Sundays. Izzy will be asked if she will start the dishwasher before leaving on Sundays. Some things from the preschool are being moved or missing. Further investigation will be made.

Church Brochure: The question was raised on the progress of a church flier. Kay Frunzi will call Desi Galloway to check on the progress of the flier design. There are upcoming church events where we would like to distribute our fliers.

New Business:

Maintenance Issues: With our settled pastor coming, we need to get the pastor's office ready. Luke and Gene will patch the holes and paint the office, as well as do some electrical work in the next few weeks. Also, the safety plan designates the church office as a safe area. To make it safe, the two hollow core doors will be replaced with solid doors, and the exterior office door will be replaced with no windows by Gene Eliassen.

Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed: \$1,500 from the roof replacement savings was approved to be used to paint, do the electrical work, and replace three office doors.

For safety reasons, the office windows need blinds or shades. Melissa Birdwhistell will price out window coverings for the office.

The bent pipe resulting in the pipe backing up will be fixed in the spring after the ground thaws with Gene Eliassen overseeing the work.

Sanctuary pew arrangement: Currently, the pews and chairs are blocking the pathway to the bathrooms for people with handicaps. A pew will be removed and placed at the back of the church to allow more space for a walkway to the bathrooms.

Pinery Newsletter Ad: A request was made to put an ad into the Pinery Newsletter to publicize the art fair.

Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed: \$100 was approved to place an advertisement in the Pinery Newsletter to promote the church art fair.

September Concert: Bobby Jo Valentine will be on a tour in Colorado and wondered if we would like to sponsor a concert on September 4, 5, or 6. The Council decided to decline, as the available dates are over Labor Day weekend and the cost of \$900 would be too high to recoup with a goodwill offering.

Family Fair: We were asked to join in the “Family Fair” at the LDS Church on Bayou Gulch in the fall. Melissa Birdwhistell will investigate more before a decision is made.

Adjournment: 6:50 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 9 or Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Frunzi, Vice Moderator