

UCCPH Council Minutes, July 10, 2024, 5:30 pm

Attendance: Jan Narracci, Kay Frunzi, Paul Campbell, Gene Eliassen, Gus Burkard, Quinn Gorges, Izzy Wick

Reflection:

Gus Burkard presented a reading as our opening reflection, followed by a prayer by Pastor Quinn Gorges.

Moderator Report:

A warm welcome was offered to Izzy Wick as a youth representative on the Council. She still needs to go through the nominating committee and be approved by the congregation.

Pastor Report:

Pastor Quinn got a \$785 grant to order a canopy, banner, and stickers for the Douglas County Pride Festival. A grief group will be starting in August, studying the book *The Wild Edge of Sorrow* by Francis Weller. Another book study will begin in September on *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown.

Treasurer's Report:

Giving to the church has declined for the past three months (April-\$7,874, May-\$6349, June-\$5,060). There is still sufficient revenue to meet the church's financial obligations. A peach sale will be held with an August 1 deadline to order peaches, which will be delivered on August 17.

Mission Team report:

The mission team presented an accounting of the dollars earned and spent in 2024. A mission calendar will be coming in the near future. The Council previously approved that the missions budget could be carried forward from 2024 to 2025. This was not done from 2023 to 2024, because there was no accounting of dollars earned and spent. If the mission team has a special mission where they need additional funds than what they are budgeted, they need to let the Council know for discussion and approval.

Old Business:

Youth mental health event: The team will meet again on July 17 to get more information on the mental health event.

Circuit to the loft: The wires that lead to the loft were not found. Further effort will be made to locate the wires. There are additional circuits in the electrical box to support an additional circuit to the loft.

DC Pride Fest: The church will have a canopy and banner at the Douglas County Pride Fest. Stickers and brochures will be distributed by the church. Representatives are being recruited to monitor the church table in two-hour shifts. Joe and Jan Narracci will cover the first shift.

Church brochure: A draft brochure was created and will be modified, printed, and distributed at the pride festival.

Music director: A part-time music director, which is funded in the 2024 budget, will be advertised and hired.

New Business:

Gutter repair: A bid was presented for gutter cleaning and repair. It was decided that Gene Eliassen will talk with Justin Abrell about recommendations for a bid to clean and provide an additional section of missing gutter. Gus Burkard will research the cost for gutter covers.

New administrative assistant: Our new administrative assistant, Rebekah Troyer, will begin on July 13. She has another job, so will be working at the church on Saturdays and will work at home the rest of the time. Pastor Quinn Gorges will plan to work on Saturdays with her to train and collaborate with her on projects that need to be completed. There was discussion on tasks that need to be covered during the week, like collecting the mail, listening to phone messages, etc.

Council moderator and vice-moderator: Since we are such a small church there was a discussion on how we may have to relook at how we do church leadership. Examples of other church leadership structures were presented. It may be necessary to revise the bylaws to remove the requirement that the moderator must have served a year on the church Council. Feelers will be sent out to various members of the congregation on who would be interested in serving as Council moderator and vice-moderator.

Youth sleep over:

Izzy Wick presented the request that there be a youth sleepover in the church, as has been held prior. It was discussed to plan a back-to-school sleepover on a Saturday night in September.

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Next meeting: August 14, 2024, at 5:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Frunzi, Vice Moderator