

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

Attendance: Jan Narracci, Kay Frunzi, Gene Eliassen, Quinn Gorges, Luke Williams

Reflection:

Pastor Quinn led us in an opening prayer.

Moderator Report:

Someone dumped a mattress and other things on the church property. Justin offered to haul it away. Thank you to Justin!

Pastor Report:

The service will be outside on Sunday, October 13 for the pet blessing day. Flyers were made and distributed to the parents of the children who attend Montessori school. The position to lead faith formation for children and youth has not been filled yet. The position will be posted on social media. Paul and Peggy Lundberg offered to guide the church in Contemplative Worship Experience at the suggested dates and time of Wednesdays, November 20, December 4, and December 18 at 5:00 pm. Pastor Quinn will have time off on November 6-23. Arrangements have been planned for the Sunday services when he is gone.

Treasurer's Report:

The church's monthly income is dwindling, and monthly expenses were up in September. October expenses will include our quarterly property and liability insurance of \$3,600. If giving does not increase, the church will spend more money than contributed.

Mission Team report:

October's 5-for-5 is progressing. The November meeting will include a discussion on distributions of Mission funds. Church-wide trash pick-up will be held on October 26 in Halloween costumes.

Old Business:

Outdoor runners: Rosanne French will order the outdoor runners for the church. Thank you, Rosanne!

Option for leadership: The option for alternative leadership that was discussed is being implemented by one of the SE Association churches. The option being considered is to change the church council to a church advisory team, which will meet quarterly. There will still be a treasurer and financial secretary. A contact person from the church teams serving on the advisory team includes the deacons, Montessori school, worship team, facilities, and any other area that are deemed important for the church administration. The church administrator would funnel the emails and church tasks to the appropriate person(s). If this alternative leadership model is adopted, the church bylaws will need to be amended to reflect this possibly temporary change, and the last official council meeting would be held in January 2025.

Memorial Garden update: The stones have been polished and were then installed by Gene Eliassen. Thank you, Gene!

Financial review: Rosanne offered to do the financial review for the church. She wants to meet with the bookkeeper to clean up some of the line items. Thank you, Rosanne!

Facility tasks to be completed: The list of things to be done was revised. The priority task is to install a railing leading up to the pulpit. Gene Eliassen will be doing this important task. Thank you, Gene! A church spring workday is being planned to complete the remaining tasks.

New Business:

Funeral policy revision: Jan Narracci will draft a revision for the funeral policy to reflect a break for church members. She will bring the revision back to the Council at the November meeting.

Attendance survey recommended: It was suggested that a survey be sent out to people who used to come to the church and are no longer attending to find out the reasons why they are not attending. It was decided that instead of a survey, a more personal touch will be used. Pastor Quinn will contact the families who have not been attending to ask how the church can meet their needs.

Possible new kitchen upgrades: Justin Abrell had contacted Home Depot about donating a new countertop, paint the cabinets, put new hardware on the cabinets, and install a new garbage disposal. More information will be disseminated when the donation and work is firmed up.

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Next meeting: November 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Frunzi, Vice Moderator