

Community Congregational Church

Council Meeting Minutes, Sept. 17, 2023

In attendance: Pastor Heather, Jan Hinkley, Robyn Firth, Arlene Penman, Cathy Karr, Linda O'Riley, Nancy Lindley, Maribeth Peninger, Lyn Ettinger-Harwell, Laura Ettinger-Harwell, Tina Hudson, Julie Wells. Guests: Andy Kovats, Prynness Favor, Jerry McCauley, Danny White, Ann Ingram.

Quorum was established.

Tina opened with devotion.

Pastor introduced Jerry McCauley who will be serving as our interim music director for the near future.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer report: \$10,000 was transferred from investments to pay quarterly insurance premiums. We have \$86,000 left in the investment account.

Andy Kovats reported that the Investment Committee is beginning to meet.

Trustees report: Tina reported they have been working on Heather's call agreement salary. Her call will be for three years. October 21 has been established as cleanup day. Thank you to Rich Baker, Andy Kovats, Dan Stuart, Brad Gibson, Mike Gnoso, Linda Baker, Will Gray, Thomas Hudson, Dan Stuart, and Mike Rosso for removing the dead tree from the front lawn.

Pastor's Report: Heather has been meeting with various realtors/investment property experts. They believe the parsonage is a liability. It will take a lot of money to fix the multiple problems. They recommend we either sell it or find grants to rehab it. The Executive Director of Homeless Pikes Peak will be hosting a meeting in our building on November 14, at 5:30 for community non-profit groups. Osperb House is to the south of the office, it houses men who are committed to being clean and sober. Each one must have a job and be clean and sober to remain in the house. Pastor also related that her soon to be wife (Brandy) had some comments regarding the call salary. Brandy reminded Heather that the conference guidelines are not intended for small churches such as ours.

She will also be covering Heather on her insurance program so that saves us money.

Lyn moved to accept the call agreement, Linda seconded, motion carried.

Pastor Heather's congregational call meeting is scheduled for October 22.

Arlene reminded the group that she will be asking for King Sooper Gift Cards in the amounts of \$5, \$10, \$25 to help provide Thanksgiving Baskets through WestSide CARES. The deadline for these cards is October 29.

Pastor reminded everyone that she and Prynness are moving their offices into the two rooms in the middle of the east wall of downstairs Fellowship Hall. New signage will be posted to direct people to this office and other places in the building. A ring doorbell will be installed. CenturyLink will be the new internet provider for this building. The Pikes Peak Bulletin will pay for their own internet (Comcast) in the office building.

Moderator excused visitors and the council moved into an executive session.

Next meeting is October 15, 2023.

Tina closed with prayer.

Arlene Penman

Secretary