

UCC Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
7 – 9:00 pm  
Minutes

Present: Beth Kallestad, Pastor Todd Smith Lippert, Lynne Pederson, Scott Richardson, Nancy Johnson-Maloney

Chair Scott Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:02. Todd offered an opening prayer.

Agenda was approved with additions. Minutes from the September meeting were approved. Beth, Nancy.

Consent Agenda includes Council minutes from August 2017, minutes from other governance committees. Consent Agenda motion to approve by Lynne, second by Beth. Agenda approved.

Action Item

Motion made to Endorse Archive Project: The First UCC Church Council acknowledges and affirms the need for dedicated archival space for the preservation of documents and artifacts of special significance, and for reasonable and prudent, ongoing budget support from our operating fund. Motion made by Lynne, Nancy second. Motion approved.

Discussion/ Updates

A. Sanctuary

Pastor Todd signed a pro-bono representation agreement with Benjamin Spector, an attorney through LegalCorps, who will be representing First UCC's interest. A conversation with Mr. Spector is scheduled on November 12 at 12:00 for the council members and staff.

B. Stewardship

The campaign is being planned. Informational packets will be sent out to members within the month. The Gift Planning Group is working on a brochure that provides information on giving options.

The Committee is putting together a needs list to share with donors. Some ideas include: adding a youth staff person, \$30,000; parish nurse staff position; small group coordinator. Building: organ needs \$250,000 of repairs; replacement of windows; convert lights to LED; possibility of affordable housing project; add to long term reserves.

Scott offered that he appreciates hearing the testimonies of people during church service about why they give and what it means to them. There are powerful messages to hear.

C. Budget

Staff salaries are now in the budget. Final will be affected on the work of the stewardship committee.

D. Nominations

Scott reported for Deb as the committee rep. Positions are being filled for all slots. Peter Dahlin as vice moderator, and Tom Gagnon as Treasurer are nominated.

- E. Governance Review Feedback  
Deb has attended and is taking notes at the first two Governance Review Feedback meetings. Scott will attend the next two meetings. After the meetings are completed the notes will be consolidated and will be shared with the Council.
- F. Needs list Request.  
See Stewardship notes
- G. Pastor Todd spoke on youth ministry programs and the challenges. Staff do well with a classroom focus; it is more difficult when it comes to relationship building. The program needs a half time staff person to build the program. To sustain this position \$30,000 would be needed. Due to staff capacity, OWL can be offered only every two years. Abby is the lead staff for the OWL program.

Adjourn: Nancy, Lynne motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 7 to 9:00 pm

Agenda items: Stewardship update/Budget Update/ Governance review