

UCC Church Council Meeting
September 19, 2017
7:00pm
Minutes

Present: Scott Richardson, Phil Kasten , Pastor Todd, Matt Forster, Debra Miller, Lynne Pederson,
Guest: Margit Johnson

Discussion on Archives: Margit Johnson gave an overview of the plan to organize the archives. She and Cynthia Lund have met with many groups in Northfield that also have organized archives. It is suggested that the records be kept in metal containers to be kept dry. They need to evaluate the current system and items in storage to determine what storage is needed. The possibility of off-site storage will be considered if there is not enough storage within the church. They understand that some of the original copies must be kept versus scanning or digitizing. A workable temporary location is in the church in room 105. The budget needed is estimated to be \$800 for supplies, and storage boxes. Further information will be shared at the October meeting.

Consent agenda: Motion to approve by Matt, Phil. Approved

Discussion

Sanctuary: Pastor Todd reported. Thinking about what legal issues situations that the church will experience is new and uncharted territory. He has been in contact with lawyers connected with ISAI AH, and with local attorney Gina Washburn to plan for when legal assistance may be needed; he has the paperwork to apply for free legal help on retainer.

Stewardship: Pastor Todd reported. The Stewardship committee is getting organized. First ask letter to members will go out next week. 299 households will be contacted, divided by category of level of giving and how they give. Gatherings and conversations will happen with people that have been identified that may be able to increase their level of giving. People who may be able to increase their giving amount will be approached and asked to give more. A gathering will be held to thank the most generous givers. The Stewardship group will also focus on planned giving through specific conversations with identified people.

Evening Service: There were four candidates for the Evening Service Music Director position. Hans Peterson was offered the position and has accepted. The team is excited to have him join the team and it has been a pleasure to work with him. Evening Services will start October, 1.

Budget update: Matt has drafted the budget. Income stayed flat; Abby's sabbatical will be next year. The amount for Health insurance increased; place holders have been added until final numbers are known. \$21,000 net income is the goal.

Information: Scott gave information on the governance review groups that will be held on Sept.27, October 11, November 5, facilitated by Sarah Carlsen, and Don Perkin. Responses from the meetings will come back to Council to evaluated comments, concerns, and needs.

Next meetings: October 17, Nov ember 21, December 19 @ 7:00pm

Adjourn: Motion by Debra, Phil. 8:21.

