

Hope United Church of Christ Council Meeting Minutes January 2014

DATE: January 16, 2014

ATTENDEES: Dan Fagnani, Alice Galt, Randy Hall, Erik Hazel, Andy Karcher, Pastor Sarah McCann, Carolyn Mulhall, Sue Rainer, Carol Weis, Kristine Wentzien, Pastor Ed Zumwinkel and Mike McBride from Wells Fargo Advisors

ABSENTEES: Josh Gibson, Dave Kriegbaum, Paul Conner

DECISIONS MADE:

1. Council approved getting a bigger ONA rainbow comma for Hope's outdoor sign.
2. By unanimous vote, Council elected the following officers:
 - a. Randy Hall – Vice President
 - b. Andy Karcher – Secretary
 - c. Sue Rainer – Assistant Secretary
 - d. Alice Galt – Treasurer
 - e. Kristine Wentzien – Assistant Treasurer
3. The following Ministry liaisons were appointed:
 - a. Randy Hall – Building and Property
 - b. Kristine Wentzien – Youth and Children's Ministry
 - c. Dan Fagnani – Worship and Liturgical Arts Ministry
 - d. Alice Galt – Finance and Insurance Ministry
 - e. Sue Rainer – Outreach Ministry
 - f. Carolyn Mulhall – Hospitality Ministry
 - g. Carol Weis – Special Events Ministry

NEXT STEPS/FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

1. Andy Karcher will continue to review the Endowment Fund accounting.
2. Erik Hazel, Carolyn Mulhall, Dan Fagnani, Pastor Sarah McCann and Pastor Ed Zumwinkel will meet with Paul Conner to discuss remaining concerns and help finalize the survey for the Cottage Meetings.
3. Pastor Ed Zumwinkel will follow up with recommended individual(s) to see if they are willing to serve for a one year Council term.
4. Alice Galt will follow up with Katie Mulhall regarding what childcare workers need to take CPR and First Aid training.

GENERAL NOTES:

OPENING

The meeting was opened by Pastor Ed Zumwinkel at 7:02 p.m. Pastor Ed Zumwinkel led us in an opening prayer.

INVESTMENT PRESENTATION

Mike McBride from Wells Fargo gave a presentation on Hope's current investments. Mike discussed the breakup of Hope's current portfolio and some options that Hope may consider going forward. Mike left materials and extended the offer to return when and if Hope would like to make changes to the portfolio.

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 15, 2013 Council Meeting were approved with minor corrections.

PASTORS' REPORT

The pastors reported on recent hospitalizations and other pastoral care situations of church members.

The pastors also went over communion preparation. One item of concern is clean up as it often falls to a few individuals. Council suggested a few names for the Worship and Liturgical Arts Ministry to contact.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kristine Wentzien presented the Financial Report. The big item of note was that the General Fund deficit was down to (\$24,051.81). This number may be further revised after the books are closed for the year.

Andy Karcher reported that he has begun, and will continue, to review accounting for the Endowment Fund. He hopes to have more to discuss at the February Council Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapel Flexibility

Council agreed to table the issue until April.

Cottage Meetings

Erik Hazel updated Council on the progress of the Cottage Meetings and survey. Erik Hazel, Carolyn Mulhall, Dan Fagnani, Pastor Sarah McCann and Pastor Ed Zumwinkel will meet with Paul Conner to help finalize the survey.

NEW BUSINESS

ONA Comma for Outdoor Sign

Dan Fagnani informed Council that we have an opportunity to get a bigger ONA rainbow comma for our outdoor sign for no charge. After a brief discussion, Randy Hall moved and it was seconded to get the bigger comma. The motion passed without objection.

Officer Elections

By unanimous vote, Council elected the following officers:

Randy Hall – Vice President

Andy Karcher – Secretary

Sue Rainer – Assistant Secretary

Alice Galt – Treasurer

Kristine Wentzien – Assistant Treasurer

As those individuals nominated for President were not present to accept the nomination, the election of Council President was tabled until such time as all nominees could accept or decline their nominations.

In addition, the following Ministry liaisons were appointed:

Randy Hall – Building and Properties Ministry

Kristine Wentzien – Youth and Children's Ministry

Dan Fagnani – Worship and Liturgical Arts Ministry

Alice Galt – Finance and Insurance Ministry

Sue Rainer – Outreach Ministry

Carolyn Mulhall – Hospitality Ministry

Carol Weis – Special Events Ministry

The appointment of liaisons for the Stewardship and the Pastoral and Staff Relations Ministries was tabled until such time as absent Council members could be present to accept their appointments.

Appointment for the Vacant Council Member

Council discussed names of individuals who might fill the vacant Council seat for a one year term. After much discussion, individual(s) were recommended for appointment. Pastor Ed will follow up with recommended individual(s) to see if they are willing to serve.

CPR, First Aid, and AED Training

Alice Galt reported that her friend Kathy Shortelle will give CPR and First Aid training on February 23, 2014. Alice will follow up with Katie Mulhall regarding what childcare workers need to take the training.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Building & Property

Randy Hall reported that a church member donated \$2,000 to the Small Building & Property Fund. B&P is currently reviewing options for the best use of these funds.

Finance & Insurance

No report

Hospitality

No report

Outreach

Minutes submitted

Special Events

No report

Stewardship

No report

Pastoral & Staff Relations

No report

Worship & Liturgical Arts

Minutes submitted

Youth & Children

No report

CLOSING

With no further business appearing, the meeting was closed at approximately 9:33 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Sarah McCann.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew W. Karcher, Secretary