

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ (FCCUCC) of Colorado Springs
Minutes of EXTRA Council Meeting
January 30, 2020 Gregg Library

Council Members in Attendance:

Connie Brachtenbach (Moderator)
Paul McNeill (Vice Moderator)
Adam Gibbs (Worship & Spiritual Life)
Lisa Mason (Secretary)
Wayne Bland (Outreach)
Polly Strovink (Treasurer)
Lynne Stefoni (Care & Fellowship)
Laura Pfender (Education)

Council Members Absent: None

Ex Officio in Attendance:

Rev. Jacque Franklin
(Minister of Pastoral Care)

Ex Officio Absent: None

Guests: None

Meeting called to order - 5:40 pm

Devotional thanks to Jacque

MODERATOR (CONNIE BRACHTENBACH)

- Connie related that she met with Pam Shockley-Zalabak to review those who are on the slate for officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting.
- In summary there were 40 applicants that were evaluated by Leadership Cultivation Committee (LCC).
- For those who weren't then moved into Council or LCC nominations, they are being channeled into various other teams. Connie stated she appreciated the work of LCC in bringing forward this slate.
- Council acknowledged each nominee and supported all of LCC's work.

The slate that LCC has brought forward to Council is as follows:

- Bill Kemp - Moderator
- Margaret Reiber - Care and Fellowship
- Laura Pfender - Education

New LCC members:

- Brian Dimit
- Kisti Felps

Each nominee was fully discussed.

ACTING LEAD MINISTER (REV. JACQUE FRANKLIN)

- Jacque presented the new positions for her Clergy Congregation Relations Committee (CCRC):

- Dierdre Gilbert and Lance Tressler will replace Frank Jopp and Marti Booth.
- Dierdre and Lance join David Bribach and Mark Qualls, Dot Semmens, Rose Enyeart on Jacque's CCRC.

MOTION: Adam Gibbs moved we accept these two candidates. Laura seconded. The motion carried via voice vote.

- Connie reported that she talked with Rocky Mountain Conference Minister, Rev. Sue Artt and there is currently no news regarding interim pastor candidates.

OUTREACH (WAYNE BLAND)

MOTION: Wayne Bland moved to recommend Virginia Carlson to be on the Mission Giving and Outreach Committee. It was seconded by Paul. The motion carried via voice vote. Wayne also announced that Karen Muise is the new liaison for ESM.

MOTION: Lisa moved that the minutes of the January 9 meeting of Council minutes, as presented by Polly, be approved. It was seconded by Laura. The motion carried via voice vote

EDUCATION (LAURA PFENDER)

- Regarding the JWW Lectureship Series, Laura reported there is a contracted clause of a \$2500 cancellation fee (\$1250 per speaker) whereas the speaking fee is \$5k (per speaker). Council wondered if we should do JWW every other year instead of yearly. Right now there is no planning team in place to organize this. There is some concern about the contracted speakers being controversial. Can we postpone for one year?

MOTION: Lynne moved that Laura ask the speakers what their intentions are and if they can postpone for one year. If not, we just cancel per the contracted fee. Lynne seconded. The motion carried via voice vote. Laura wants to have LCC suggest some new members to repopulate JWW.

FINANCES (POLLY STROVINK)

- Polly reported that the current budget income is at about \$500,000 pledged from the current appeal.
- We are trending behind normal but she doesn't have much more information with Ruth leaving. Ruth is now at 10 hours per week and due to leave soon, so there is a twofold focus - encouraging pledging for the Annual Appeal via a calling campaign, and the other focus is trying to figure out our current budget.
- We are considering using past interim Pastor Nayiri's salary to estimate the cost of an interim pastor and we know Pastor Heather's severance package costs.

- There was a significant amount of discussion about what is the best format to help the congregation see the budget data they want without overwhelming those who aren't as budget savvy.

Adjourned: 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa A Mason, Council Secretary

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Connie Brachtenbach, Council Moderator