

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**(FCUCC) OF COLORADO SPRINGS**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2016, Gregg Library**

Council Members in Attendance:

Lee Lehmkuhl (Moderator)  
Connie Brachtenbach (Vice Moderator)  
Lisa Mason (Secretary)  
John Beavers (Education)  
Chris Reimer (Worship & Spiritual Life)  
Alyce Morgan (Outreach)

Rev. Benjamin Broadbent (Lead Minister)  
Rev. Jacque Franklin (Minister of Pastoral Care)  
Ruth Roland (Director of Financial Ministries)

Council Members Absent:

Mike Gemm (Treasurer)  
Judy Kort (Care and Fellowship)

Ex Officio Absent:

None

Guests: Rich Law, Nancy Henjum, Jill Robinson

Ex Officio in attendance:

Dinner - thanks to Chris Grace and Devotional - thanks to Ben

**Meeting called to order - 6:19 pm**

**MOTION: To approve the February Minutes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**MOTION: (John) To preliminarily accept the Annual Meeting Minutes, to then be submitted to the Congregation at the next annual meeting. Seconded by Connie. Approved by voice vote.**

**Just Peace Initiative** - Rich Law gave information about this possible UCC designation. Goal is to have a covenant for the next annual meeting. Alyce is Rich's liaison and they will determine next steps.

**MOTION: To name Rich Law the head of the Just Peace task force. John seconded. Approved by voice vote.**

**Leadership Cultivation Committee** - Nancy Henjum and Jill Robinson presented LCC updates. Theme - there seems to be a lack of linkage between interested members or participants to how they can plug in to a piece/part of the church. It seems to be quite different between members having a path vs non-member participants finding their way.

**Core Resource Areas and Ministries:**

- Alyce (Outreach): MG&O provided grants to the following organizations - ESM, Urban Peak, Habitat for Humanity (HFH is looking for volunteers).

**MOTION: Homelessness initiative.** Alyce moved to add Trig Bundgaard. Connie seconded it. **Approved by voice vote.**

- John (Education): -see report
- Mike (Treasurer): see report
- Judy (Care & Fellowship): see report
- Chris (Worship & Spiritual Life): see report
- Connie (Facilities and Communications): see report

**Break: 7:44-7:54 pm**

**My Primo Congo:**

Ben & Connie. Policy - *“All church communications should be used for the purpose(s) for which they were created and intended. Church mailing lists and groups should not be used to promote personal agendas or issues.”*

**MOTION: To accept this policy.** Alyce seconded it. **Approved by voice vote.**

**CCA-** Discussion about a recent article which suggested some churches in town were sponsoring Coalition of Compassion and Action. Were we implicated by that? Should we be concerned? The congregation has not voted on FCUCC being affiliated with CCA. Therefore we can honestly say that the congregation has not sponsored CCA.

**Fund Development** - Follow up to Mike’s presentation last month and to previous info Ruth has presented. Ruth believes we need to build a case to address the gap between our vision and our financials. She will present this next month. Then, we can focus on the priorities at the retreat in May. She suggests using a model where the donor’s desire for relationship is the value that drives giving strategies.

**Council Policy Book** - Lisa presented and John and Connie will help. The Hotchkiss book will be used as the template.

**Financial Report** - Ruth (see report)

**Meeting Evaluation:**

- Ruth’s “impact” exercise was good.
- Having visitors - Rich Law and LCC - was a nice openness and connection. Can we rotate some of the staff presenting to the Council for face time? (but they do a lot already).
- Good to have Rich present the Just Peace info.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa A. Mason, Secretary

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Lee Lehmkuhl, Moderator