

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ (FCCUCC) of Colorado Springs
DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting

January 27, 2019 - Sanctuary

Council Members in Attendance:

Connie Brachtenbach (Moderator)
Lee Lehmkuhl (Vice Moderator)
Lisa Mason (Secretary)
Gloria Latimer (Education)
Adam Gibbs (Worship & Spiritual Life)
Lynne Stefonik (Care & Fellowship)
Julia Nace (Treasurer)
Wayne Bland (Outreach)

Council Members Absent:

Ex Officio in Attendance:

Rev. Heather Haginduff
(Lead Minister)
Rev. Jacque Franklin
(Minister of Pastoral Care),
Ruth Roland
(Director of Financial Ministry)

Ex Officio Absent: None

Nora Gustafson served as our
Parliamentarian

Gathering Song: At the Font We Start Our Journey, Hymn # 308. Organist- David Acton

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:51 a.m.

We established a Quorum: 69 members were needed and we exceeded that with approx. 140 members attending.

OPENING PRAYER - Confirmation Class of 2019 with Candace Woods

WELCOME - Connie Brachtenbach

Honoring of Saints: Rev. Jacque Franklin

FCC members and friends who have passed away since the 2018 Annual Meeting

LISTENING SESSIONS REPORT:- Rich Law and Nancy Henjum

- An Executive Summary of the Listening Meetings process and results that were held over the last couple months was presented.
- These meetings were held as Congregational conversations regarding what we could all do regarding an upcoming (2019) anticipated budget income shortfall.
- The main focus was to determine what our core values, as a Congregation, are.

MINISTRY AND MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

A COUNCIL'S PERSPECTIVE:

Lee Lehmkuhl (Vice Moderator) - Facility Core Resource Area:

- Lee highlighted a couple areas of accomplishments for the year
 - o Sanctuary Keeper
 - o Murray South Balcony
 - o Ruth Roland's significant contributions

Lisa Mason (Secretary):

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- reviewed the functions of and members of the Leadership Cultivation Committee (LCC), Clergy Congregation Relations Committees (CCRC) for both Pastors, Risk Reduction Team, and Human Resource Committee

Gloria Latimer (Education):

- Gloria expressed that this foundational ministry is strong.

Lynne Stefonik (Care and Fellowship):

- Lynne described the care and dedication of the Care and Fellowship ministries.
- She described how the Care and Fellowship Coordination Teams function.
- She also gave thanks to Rev. Jacque Franklin and Candace Woods for fostering the Culture of Care and Fellowship

Adam Gibbs (Worship and Spiritual Life):

- Adam summarized the *Joyful Experiments in Just Peace* year - we love tradition but new things also arose.
- Music and Arts Ministry developed a new format especially with new volunteer coordination and a dedication to implementing term limits.
- Concerts and incredible talent was showcased via songs/hymns many written by our own congregants.

Wayne Bland (Outreach):

- Wayne thanked all in MG&O but especially Sky Forester, Blake Pelton, and Pauli Hubbard - who is the new committee chair for MG&O.
- Mission Trips went to La Puente and Santo Domingo.
- Various grants, especially to homelessness, were dispersed.
- Thanks were given to Rich Law for his extensive contributions to FCC in his work in Non-Violent Communication and Just Peace. Wayne is confident that we will be able to step boldly into significant MG&O activities in 2019

Julia Nace (Treasurer):

- Julia reviewed the 2018 Financials and 2019 Budget: [see Julia's slide deck]
- **MOTION:** To adopt the recommended 2019 Annual Budget as presented to the Congregation on January 27, 2019. Presented by Julia Nace. No second was required. Discussion was invited for information, corrections or amendments. The vote to accept the motion of accepting a budget passed by unanimous voice vote.
- 2019 Budget:
 - o [see meeting agenda regarding the fact that Council has no specific income data to work with yet due to the Annual Appeal not being finished therefore...]
 - MOTION:** moved to postpone consideration of the 2019 budget to a special meeting on Sunday Feb 24. Discussion for the motion to postpone was opened or comments. No comments. Motion carried via voice-vote.

MINISTRY AND MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

A Congregation's Perspective:

- No comments

Honoring Wonderful Volunteers:

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- Candace Woods (also representing Del Hokanson), thanked Gloria Latimer for stepping into the interim Council position for Education.
- Mandy Todd, (also representing Emily Bond who has lost her voice) thanked all the people staffing the front desk/office. Mandy thanked Virginia Carlson and Dave Doman for coordinating all the Ushers for the last 5-6 years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2018

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2018 Special Meeting. Presented by Council. No second was required however discussion was invited for corrections or amendments. No discussion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2018

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the January 28 ,2018 Annual Meeting. Presented by Council. No second was required however discussion was invited for corrections or additions. No discussion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2018 Special Meeting. Presented by Council. No second was required however discussion was invited for corrections or additions. No discussion. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

SONG- *Thank Our God for Sister, Brothers.* Organist David Acton

APPROVAL OF NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND NEW LEADERSHIP CULTIVATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Motion: To elect the following slate of candidates for the Church Council:

- Paul McNeill - Vice-Moderator
- Polly Strovink - Treasurer
- Aaron Brown - Council Member for Education

To elect the following slate of candidates for the Leadership Cultivation Committee:

- Pam Shockley-Zalabak - LCC chair
- Deb Buenting - LCC member
- Eric Reiding - LCC member

No second was required. There were no nominations from the floor.

The individual votes for each nominee all passed unanimously by voice vote.

The commissioning of new Council Members and LCC members was performed by Pastor Heather Haginduff.

FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE CONGREGATION:

- Connie summarized that the Listening Session Executive Summary will be available on the website tomorrow
- It was announced that the Call-Athon will be this Thursday, January 31, from 5:30-7:30.
- It was reiterated that there will be a Special Meeting on the February 24 with a special information session on Feb 17.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

presented by Connie with adjournment by consensus

Adjourned: at 11:17 am.

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Respectfully submitted- Lisa A Mason, Secretary

Lisa A Mason, *Council Secretary*

Connie Brachtenbach, *Council Moderator*

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