

FMC Loveland Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2018

Present: Rev. Steve, Rev. Jeremiah, Bill Eads, Sally Allen, Phil Ashcraft, Barbie Clarke, Karin Delaney, Keith Flaming, Daren Gartner, Betty Hill, Larry Jones, Doug Mannering, John Morgan, Carrie Robinson, Pat Schaeffer, Ellen Shepherd.

Welcome by Bill Eads

Devotion by Sally Allen—about honking geese

Minutes from August 2018: Phil moved and Larry seconded to accept minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill reminded the group that Church Council hosts hospitality on the 21st, so please bring snacks. He will send a reminder.

Rev. Steve: The Front Range Circuit Meeting, which will include our Charge Conference, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 9 a.m. to noon at Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Collins. At that time, we will vote on clergy compensation and nominations, as far as they are ready. Later nominations can be voted on by Church Council. Each committee chairman should prepare a paragraph on the committee's accomplishments and send it to Patti by Nov. 1 (later amended to Nov. 5). A booklet including these statements will be handed out at this circuit meeting. The budget will not be voted on at the meeting but will be on the Church Council agenda for our December meeting.

Our Stewardship emphasis this year is "Why Do You Give?" Our church emphasis over the next several years is on millennials, which will lead to a focus on systematic giving. We have already received some cards back on why people give, and will share some of these stories at Sunday Church services. A Special session of the General Conference will be called in February, 2019 on the topics of sexual orientation, marriage and ordination. Rather than holding a local Q&A session on the topics, we are invited to attend the presentation of Rev. Kent Ingram (FUMC Colorado Springs) at Berthoud UMC on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Steve urged Church members to attend this meeting. He also referred us to a UMC website regarding this topic: <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>.

Rev. Jeremiah: Rev. Jeremiah referred us to his report and emphasized his continuing focus on what Millennials want from Church.

Trustees: Update on Safety and Security. We are continuing to find doors unlocked. We discussed having propped open doors, or unattended doors. Keith asked that we try to lock doors after a meeting has started. City says we are commercial, so we need a permit to install new lighting, and we need a master electrician. We are continuing to get bids on access control. Two people tried to get in while we were doing a bid walk through. There was much discussion about why it's difficult to set up wireless access points in our hodgepodge of construction. There are currently 5 video cameras.

Recommendation is to replace them with HD cameras with a wider field of view. Image control in areas that have high contrast of shadows and light is an issue, solved by newer cameras. We discussed about adding new cameras to everywhere people congregate. Trustees has scheduled an IT security assessment, including computers using Windows 7. We will also assess router security. We have wanted to get lighting done by end of year but with the city requirements, may take longer. Probably will not get

done this year, hopefully in 2019. Regarding how to pay for it, Trustees was advised to stay in touch with finance. This would need to be bundled with a larger capital campaign. There is money in the Trustees dedicated account. Could also appeal to the Loveland Methodist Foundation for funding or a loan.

Finance: Committee Budgets were due today. Finance will review this at their October meeting. The final review will be at the November Finance meeting (after most stewardship campaign results are in). Church Council will review and approve the budget at our Dec. 3 meeting. We've been running \$20,000-\$30,000 ahead of budget, but Sept was not good, so we lost some ground. We won't have a lot of surplus like we did the last 2 years.

Council discussed the aging of the congregation, losing members and perhaps looking at estate planning. Larry Jones reported that Advocates for Justice is sponsoring a session on human trafficking on October 30 at 7 p.m. here at the Church.

Rev. Steve provided a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Coy West. Tentative following meeting on Jan. 7, same time and place.