

FUMC Loveland Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2017

Present: Rev. Steve, Rev. Jeremiah, Ann Kessler, Bill Eads, Bob Bostwick, Dan Chenoweth, Karin Delaney, Norma Flaming, Betty Hill, Larry Jones, Doug Mannering, John Morgan, Ellen Shepherd, Dale Thurman. **Guests** Bev Goodier, Laura Morgan, Britta Wenman, Kristi Hornik, Wayne Simmons.

Welcome by Bill Eads

Devotion by Doug (from My Utmost for His Highest)

Minutes for May 1 meeting approval were moved by Bob Bostwick, seconded by Ellen Shepherd and unanimously accepted.

Laura Morgan and Britta Wenman: Labyrinth--Visit canceled due to rain. All the bricks are laid in; Vacation Volunteers will reset due to some settling. Considering a sign for the entrance. The visiting youth group from Texas was a great help, and the newspaper provided excellent coverage of the installation. The dedication will be held on Sept 3, after the 10 am (single) service and before the potluck.

Kristi Hornik: Presentation on Reentry Initiative for women leaving prison--a slide show on the program including covered services, outcomes testing and long term plans. They are interested in 1-2 acres of land, possible the FUMC property at 57th and Taft. They prefer donated or low cost land so they can focus on fundraising for building.

Bev Goodier: gave a presentation on her Circle of Life program and the \$30,000 she has now received from the Legacy Grant. She is looking for marketing help and to expand the program into more schools.

Staff Reports

Rev. Steve will present some ideas for beginning discussion on what to do about 57th and Taft at the next meeting. Church council will need to make some decisions and then take that to Charge Conference. He also talked about ideas for a financial program to increase endowments to the Church Foundation and how to use those funds with more focus on programming rather than on building. The Charge Conference this year will be held as a part of circuits; FUMC will host the 5-6 churches in our circuit on Dec. 4. Plan is to begin with a potluck at 6, conference after. Individual churches may need to break out to carry out business particular to each church. On 9/3 we will have only 1 service at 10 am, followed by the labyrinth dedication and a potluck. Steve would also like to plan a blessing of the animals on Saturday, September 30 at 10 am, open to the community.

Rev. Jeremiah talked about the bus ministry. New schedule will have one pick up and one drop off run. Pick up will be in time for the 8:30 am service. Drop off will be after 9:45 service is completed. The Freys will pick up any one who wants to attend the 11 am service.

Update on Achieving Consensus Process

Larry noted that the process is moving forward and the facilitators are donating their time. They are trying to set a date for this all-church participation event in October, but it may be November. Advocates is taking responsibility for formulating 3 specific questions we want the process to answer, but suggestions are welcome.

Trustees

Dale asked that some of the accounts under Trustees have their names adjusted to reflect how they can be used. Dale made the motion was made to change the "Video/Sound System Replacement" fund with "Video/Audio Fund", and the "Van Replacement Reserve" fund with "Vehicle Fund". Motion seconded by Bob Bostwick. Motion passed unanimously.

Advocates for Justice

Larry talked about the upcoming FUMC Sunday night series (to be held once every 3-4 months) on "Hot Topics for Social Justice." The first is August 27th and will feature Kristi and the Prison ReEntry Initiative including the movie *Beyond the Walls*. Larry stressed that he wants many members to attend, not just that committee and would like to make it open to the community.

Long Range Planning

Norma expressed her gratitude for all that everyone was doing at Council, and how that actually makes them successful at Foote Lagoon. Many people have spoken to the waterbearers about their knowledge of and experience with FUMC. LRP is going to be attending a conference this fall called "Future of the Church" and will bring their learnings back to FUMC for consideration.

Communications

A brief conversation was held about the Facebook page and how it could be better used to share events and activities of the church. Steve will look into it.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Jeremiah

Future meetings: October 2 at 6:30 in West Coy and December 4 at 6:00 as part of a new Front Range Circuit meeting we will host. Details to follow.