

FUMC Loveland Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

Present: Rev. Steve, Rev. Jeremiah, Bill Eads, Charlie Bouchard, Angie Clarke, Gene Clarke, Dan Chenoweth, Karin Delaney, Betty Hill, Larry Jones, Doug Mannering, John Morgan, Carrie Robinson, Ellen Shepherd, Dale Thurman, Marlene Thurman, Ann Wible. Guest Carolyn Bouchard.

Welcome by Bill Eads

Devotion by Charlie (from The Book of Joy, by Desmond Tutu)

Minutes for August meeting motion to approve (Dale) seconded (Larry), passed.

Staff Reports

Rev. Steve: Stewardship Committee has lost some members, so we are keeping the drive simple but dedicated. Will start on Sunday, October 8 with sermon series about Abundance. Nominations Committee is beginning work on filling 2018 Committee positions. Review of Blessing of the Animals (Sept 30), small group, and no one got bit. Christmas Eve is on Sunday, planning one morning worship at 10 am and 3 evening candlelight services (times to be determined).

Rev. Jeremiah: Roger Williams has taken over the lead on the Bus Committee. They will continue to cover all three services, sometimes using 2 drivers instead of just one.

57th Street Discussion

- the 2014 analysis was distributed and discussed and the conclusions were read. There was discussion about how church location is no longer essential to church success as in previous years.
- A sale today would probably be at agricultural prices, not of interest to us.
- Repurposing: We reviewed TRI interest in donation or lease. They are currently trying to purchase a building, so we need follow up with Kristi Hornick to assess their continued interest.
- Council discussed no longer considering using the space as a satellite or relocation of church.
- Doug moved that Church Council accept the Long Range Planning recommendation to eventually sell or repurpose use of the land. John seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Update on Achieving Consensus Process

Larry Jones updated on the plans for October 28. Time is 8:45 am – noon, all are invited. Jon Stewart & six of his people will facilitate. Need to continue to promote the event, so we get a good turnout. There will be a signup sheet at the Ask Me Desk. The data received from the meeting will be given to a smaller committee, to review and give a recommendation to Council. Larry also reminded us of the Hurricane Fundraiser dinner to be held on October 6, open to members and the community.

Trustees

Dale lead a discussion about developing and training a Safety/Security Team, after he attended a seminar on this issue. The team would handle emergency/crisis situations. Jeremiah also noted that he had attended a similar seminar. Stressed that this was not about armed guards, but only people trained to know what to do if needed, and to be vigilant. Council discussed the need for cooperation with local PD, maybe invite them to tour the church. Council agreed to give Trustees authority to continue to look into this issue and report back to Council.

Missions

Discussion about Angel House and House of Neighborly Service. HNS has changed their position, and are calling themselves a “Christian” agency, rather than a community agency. They now have a requirement for Board members to adhere to a certain set of Christian beliefs and those beliefs will be reflected in their mission and programs. **Angel House:** September’s hosting week was canceled just a few days before because there were no families in the program. Karin Delaney had conversations with Gwen Stephenson (who has now left HNS), and Glorie Magrum (Executive Director of HNS), but felt they weren’t answering her questions and concerns about the lack of families in the program, as well as poor communication from AH to FUMC. Karin noted that it takes almost 60 volunteers to host for a week, and maybe it’s time to consider whether that is the best use of our time. **UPDATE:** a meeting has been set with Glorie Magrum, 1 or 2 HNS Board Members, Rev. Steve and members of the Missions Committee for Tuesday, October 10th to discuss these concerns.

Hospitality

Angie reported that the committee continues to search for good ways to get more people helping provide refreshments for Sunday mornings. Some discussions followed about different groups who might host these refreshments.

Presentation by Guest Carolyn Bouchard

Carolyn spoke about her English language classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and how well the program is received. She is asking that the CC support budgeting for child care for this program. Previously St. Johns had donated \$500, and Sweethearts donated \$300. The need would be for about \$2200/year. Currently there are 8-12 students in the program. Larry Jones moved and Gene Clarke seconded the motion: The CC supports this program and recommends that the Finance Committee look into adding this day care expense to the budget.

Next Meeting, etc.

FUMC will be hosting the All Charge Conference on December 4th, our next normal meeting date. There will be a potluck at 6 and the meeting at 7. Details of this and any needed Church Council meeting preceding it are still being worked out. The CC can approve the 2018 budget at that time, or may not need a meeting to do so. We may meet on Nov 27th if there is a need; this was left open for now.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Jeremiah