

FMC Loveland Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 3, 2018

Present: Rev. Steve, Rev. Jeremiah, Ann Kessler, Bill Eads, Sally Allen, Phil Ashcraft, Bob Bostwick, Keith Flaming, Norma Flaming, Betty Hill, Larry Jones, Doug Mannering, Carrie Robinson, Ellen Shepherd, Marlene Thurman.

Guests: Charlie Bouchard, Judy Pearson, Vicky Shields.

Welcome by Bill Eads

Devotion by Ann Kessler—Matthew Chapter 10

Minutes from October 2018: Marlene moved and Sally seconded to accept minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. Bill noted that there is no host for hospitality hour on Dec. 9. Norma volunteered to host that day. Thanks, Norma! Bill also noted that committee signups for January and February will be needed soon. A signup note will be distributed to the new committee chairpersons.

Proposal for Choir Room Usage: Doug led this discussion and thanked the Choir Space Committee for researching how to best utilize space for Bell Choir and Chancel Choir. He presented a brief history of the project and those involved. Then Bill talked about the options and final proposal: for Bell Choir to have exclusive use of the current choir room and for Chancel Choir to share the current Conference Room, E230, with other users, beginning Dec. 26. Bill moved to accept a detailed written proposal (attached) for moving Chancel Choir to E230 with Bell Choir as sole occupant of the current choir room, as outlined in the written proposal. Phil seconded the proposal. In the discussion following, Rev. Steve observed that this is a win for Bell Choir, not having to take-down and set-up their equipment for each rehearsal. And it is a win for Chancel Choir, allowing no-stairs access to the choir room and sanctuary. Marlene asked that the choir/conference room be treated “kindly”, as it has been recently repainted. Larry offered 5Ms resource to move the large wooden tables in E230 to a new location, replacing them with folding tables. And work will need to be done on current shelving in E230 to accommodate choir music folders. Steve thanked the committee for the work they have done. Doug called the question to a vote, which passed unanimously.

2019 Church Budget: Ellen brought the proposed 2019 Church budget to Church Council for final approval. Rev. Steve explained why custodial costs have decreased. The increase in property expenses was explained. After a brief discussion, Ellen called the vote, which passed unanimously.

Rev. Steve: An updated list of Nominations for 2019 leadership and committee positions was presented. He answered several questions about charge conference, including candidate for ministry roles. Regarding clergy compensation, Phil told the council that SPRC has recommended salary increases beyond cost of living for the Senior and Associate Pastors, and made a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded by Bob and passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

Trustees—Safety and Security: Keith gave an update on various capital improvements that Trustees are working on, including parking lot repavement, siding and windows for the rental house, church video surveillance, exterior lighting and a possible playground. These future expenses will be combined and brought to Church membership. The Stewardship committee will organize any needed capital campaign, and a loan and/or grant from Loveland Methodist Foundation may be requested. Regarding Church

access, Keith noted that people with no good reason are still coming in at night and that we need to assure that those in the Church are safe and secure.

Bill observed that this was the last Church Council meeting in 2018 and that several members will be leaving at the end of the year. He thanked the entire council membership for the contributions they have made to the Church and to Church Council

Rev. Steve thanked all the retiring members of Church Council, specifically Bill, Doug, Marlene and Angie.

These are all Church Council members whose terms expired.

Rev. Jeremiah provided a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Coy West.

Future meetings will be determined by the 2019 Church Council at that meeting.