

# FUMC Loveland Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2018

**Present:** Rev. Steve, Rev. Jeremiah, Bill Eads, Roy Allen, Sally Allen, Phil Ashcraft, Bob Bostwick, Barbie Clark, Angie Clarke, Gene Clarke, Karin Delaney, Daren Gartner, Betty Hill, Larry Jones, Doug Mannering, John Morgan, Carrie Robinson, Pat Schaeffer. **Guests:** Susan Harding and Kathy Prevost.

**Welcome by Bill Eads**

**Devotion by Bill (From I Peter 2 and Teresa of Avila)**

**Minutes for the November, 2017 Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Bob and seconded by Doug. Passed unanimously.

**Bell Choir Request:** Susan Harding and Kathy Prevost presented their request for the purchase of new bell cases at a cost of \$3,800 to \$4,000. Approval of this by Vicky Shields and Janeen Anderson for use of specific Abiding Memorials funds would cover \$2,600 of this. After a discussion of how to cover the remaining \$1,200 to \$1,400, Doug moved that we approve the use of \$2,600 of Abiding Memorial funds and request the remaining funds from the Loveland FUMC Foundation, and if those funds are not available from the foundation that the remaining funds be approved from Abiding Memorials as well. Larry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Bill will speak with Mary Hannon about the Abiding Memorials request and with foundation chair Randy Starr about the foundation request.

**Church Council Responsibilities:** Bill spoke briefly about what the Church Council does, quoting from the Book of Discipline and the UMC "Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation: Church Council", summarizing that we are the administrative body for the Church. Rev. Steve emphasized that the Church Council is where "the buck stops". Most committee work can be done entirely by the committee, but we are here for larger issues that may arise, including financial issues outside a committee's budget.

**Advocates for Justice:** Larry stated that there will be a meeting on Jan. 21 at 6:30 pm in Coy Hall on Climate Change, led by a CSU Professor. He also asked about the status of the Welcome Statement to which Rev. Steve replied that a letter is being sent to the congregation stating that a small committee has been formed under his leadership, to create this statement, and that they plan to meet in January.

**Missions:** Karin gave a brief update on our Church's relationship with the House of Neighborly Service and Angel House. We have informed HNS leadership that these relationships are on hold, pending improvement in our working relationship with them. Karin will soon send the letter to Loveland City Council about our issues with HNS, as requested by the Church Council in November.

**Rev. Jeremiah** gave a closing prayer, and Bill declared the meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** March 5 at 6:30 in Coy Hall West. Future meetings: May 5, August 6. October 1, and December 3, same time, same place.