

Date:
02/15/2015 08:36AM

Attendees:

Pat Matthews
Judy Kirkham
Charlotte A. Pontius
Thomas W. Osgood
Michael Cohen
Jan Viehwig
Sharon L. Sims
Richard K. Meyer
Peggy Griffith – Arrived Late

Not attending:

Linda Rice
Kaye McSpadden

Minutes taken by:
Richard Meyer

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Worship Coordinator:

Planned Covenant discussion skipped. Jan went over Worship Coordinator duties, and all of the additional things she knows gets done “magically”, provided list to Sherry.

We have had several families leave and several individuals arrive, which is part of why the pews are looking emptier.

Jan reminds/suggests that we have several members that have/do/can regularly lead services.

She suggests going over the elements of service to see if they fit the needs of the congregation.

Jan will be leaving her position in May. (Not doing summer calendar.)

Jan shares concerns about our ability to sustain the church with current methods. Ie Some churches meet twice monthly, some share resources.

Sherry: What do you need, and what are you willing to do to see that need met?

Sherry reminds us that our consultants have reminded us that the best way to grow our membership is to develop programs that speak to the needs of others.

Sherry suggests Mar 8th after church to discuss church direction and activities, as well as Tues Mar 17th.

Charlotte mentions breaking up the job into coordinator/committee structure would be good.

Minutes:

Charlotte moves to approve Peggy seconds. Vote approves.
Tom mentions several names of non-board members on the “not attending” section of the minutes. They have since been removed.

Financial Report:

Peggy Griffith is stepping down as Treasurer. Thomas W. Osgood is assuming the role and, by agreement, fulfilling both the role of Vice President and Treasurer until the time of the next annual meeting, at which point the position would come up for election again.

Official signatories will be:

Thomas W. Osgood

Sharon L. Sims

Charlotte A. Pontius

Richard K. Meyer

Charlotte reports that there are some non-entered expenses not reflected in the report as provided. This places the actual Total Expense closer to as-budgeted.

Charlotte reports that unpledged donations are significantly lower than prior years; pledged donations are up.

Tom moves to approve the report. Pat seconds. Vote approves the report.

Other:

Picking dates for the spring meetings

April 12th - Congregational Gathering & Pitch-in

May 17th - Annual Meeting

Sherry got a call from someone named Monica wanting to do a free financial planning class for church members. The suggestion was made that she perhaps come as a speaker during the summer for an "Ethical Investing" presentation.

Social justice:

Team meeting next Sunday morning. Heifer is complete. Raise the Wage is proceeding.

Buildings and Grounds:

A building walk-around was done and report was provided.

One major concern is that some of the stained glass windows on one side of the building are buckling and in need of service prior to any major failures.

Sherry spoke to the elevator company: Our long standing contract with the elevator company is to have the elevator inspected twice a year.

The suggestion has been made to address the front landscaping and its care.

We should be able to get grants for some items, more likely exterior.

Sherry says Safety and stability should be priorities.

9:57 Charlotte moves to adjourn. Charlotte seconds. Vote approves