

FUMC Church Council
Agenda
Monday, Oct 28 6:30

The church council is the primary group responsible for the overall ministry of the local church. By establishing the vision of the congregation, the council can then help to order and implement the various ministry opportunities.

We welcomed Pam Erickson, John Kindred, John Morgan, Kathryn Peiffer, Joy Shaw, Judy Stout, Marlene Thurman, Matthew Utley, Barry Wehrle and Rev Leslie.

We missed Janeen Anderson, Rev Lee (happy birthday, Jeremiah!), Nicole Ceciliani, Keith Flaming, Mary Hannon, Susan Jarding, Betty Hill, Rihard Kittel, Andrea Ortega, Ellen Shepherd, Rick Tessean, and Mike Westbrook.

Devotion: Who is your neighbor? Philippians 2:4 says, "Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." It feels like that's what our church is doing now!

Prayer concerns ~ none

Approval of Oct 7 minutes ~ approved unanimously as written.

Music Coordinator Kathryn Peiffer's report is attached with the minutes.

Staff Parish John Morgan

Motion by John on behalf of SPR: **Move to hire Technical Framework in Ft Collins to serve as FUMC's IT support.** Passed unanimously.

Discussion:

- Chris Munger will start immediately.
- The retainer is \$1800/year and \$150/month. 'House calls' will be \$100/hour.
- Chris will do routine updating, backup system monitors, remote monitoring, keeping backups for our systems.

Children's coordinator update: **motion by John on behalf of SPR to approve the Family Programming Coordinator job description.** Passed unanimously. John reminded us that although we have very few children in Sundy school now, we need to plan for more!

Finance discussion ~ Rick Tessean sent an email in response to the Oct 7 minutes that stated, "The remodel will not be paid for from the Foundation, but with proceeds from the property sale." Rick said the it would be paid for from the Foundation.

- Because the Foundation is currently and endowed foundation, we are limited in the amount of money we can draw each year. We can use funds from the property sale and repay the Foundation when funds are available.
- We could consider using a CD worth ~ 40,000 that is coming due, although money from CDs is not restricted to capital expense. We may need that money for operating expenses at some point.
- The church does have a reserve fund that would cover two months' expenses if that should become necessary.

Trustees Richard Kittel

Lease update?

Abiding Memorials

Stewardship

Missions and Social Concerns

Marketing & Outreach

Membership

Safety and Security

UM Foundation

Church Financial Secretary

Lay Members to AC

At Large Marlene Thurman, Joy Shaw, Pam Erickson

Betty Hill

John Kindred

Barry Wehrle

Andrea Ortega

Janeen Anderson

Keith Flaming

Mike Westbrook

Ellen Shepherd

Mary Hannon

Discussion items

- Charge conference approved the motion '...that this Charge Conference approve plans for FUMC Loveland to move forward to lease space to Loveland Preschool beginning in the 2025-26 school year. These plans include naming Rob Proctor as project manager and John Kindred, Pete Shaw, Rich Stiverson and Judy Stout as members of the project committee.'
- From the District Building and Relocation Committee to Rev Leslie: Leslie: The vote is complete, and the District Board has granted its consent for First UMC Loveland to lease four rooms of its church property to the Loveland Preschool in accordance with the documentation provided by the church for the District Board's review and consideration. Between the two organizations we got it done before the 01 November deadline. Good luck with the venture.

Regarding the renovations, as the cost is less than 25% of the value of the building and a mortgage is not required, the District Board does not need to be involved in the renovation project. If the parameters change regarding the renovations, please let me know. JR

- Judy spoke to Jim Webb, Pastor Head of Staff at MVPC to get his take on LPS. He has been there for 20 of their 60 years, his children attended and his comments were generally positive:
 - o They pay rent on time, are cooperative, compliant, reasonable with requests (asking for extra space like Christmas brunch).
 - o Their board changes every year; sometimes they are pleasant to work with, sometimes less so.
 - o The biggest issue was the all-day scenario. When they are using MV space, they don't have access. After Covid they asked for an afternoon session, but didn't have enough enrollment. They tried again, but MV had rebounded and they needed their space for their programs.
 - o Another question MV wrestled with was: how does a church host a *government-sponsored program with funding? With money usually comes strings. MV was concerned that the government might impose restrictions on the church. *In CO, all children in their year before kindergarten can register for at least 15 hours of funding per week towards a high-quality preschool of their choice. I asked if there were any red flags, and Jim said no,
- Direction for ministry use in Coy Hall
 - o Does Council plan future use of that space to be somewhat as it is now, with the ability to close off or open up the two side meeting rooms?
 - o Or will E and/or W Coy become a permanent meeting/gathering space off the larger Coy, requiring fixed walls and, possibly, a door access directly into Coy?
- Update on mission/ministry statement
 John Kindred, Barry Wehrle, and Matthew Utley have been meeting about updating our mission statement. As a group we discussed how our statement should be brief, yet memorable. We wanted our mission statement to be inclusive to all people. As requested, we also took inspiration from Washington Park UMC's Mission statement. Here is what we came up with.
 "Loveland First United Methodist Church, a community of faith, accepts people as they are and seeks to help them move toward an abundant life. We do this by living the teachings of Jesus Christ: love, peace with justice, mission to others, and hope while striving to live in harmony with all of God's creation."
 We invite further conversation around this statement.

Closing thought

Reminder from Rev Lee that the purpose of church is to bless and serve the community!

Next meetings:

Dec 1 to approve budget 🙌🙌
Church Conference date TBD

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?
 May we not be of one heart though we are not of one opinion?
 Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite,
 notwithstanding their smaller differences." John Wesley