

January 11 Council Highlights

Council Chair Vince Snowbarger called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Members present were Sabrina Butler, Dave Guenther, Anne Linenberger, Ken Linenberger, Carolyn Snowbarger, Vince Snowbarger, Sally Swartz, Tamora Thomas, and Pastor Charlie Packard. Charlie Carson was recording secretary. Jackie Berger was excused. Sabrina opened with prayer.

- Ken presented the final financials for December. Year-end giving erased earlier deficits and left us with a positive balance for the fiscal year. Expenses continue to be lower than budgeted in most categories.
- Pastor Charlie suggested we review our copier contract to provide for a yearly number of copies rather than monthly. In his former church this saved money because of monthly variations in usage. Ken will work with Fred Quist to explore this option.
- UCSJ is now registered as a charity with the AmazonSmile program. Buyers who make online purchases through AmazonSmile and designate UCSJ as their charity of choice, can have a portion of their purchase donated to UCSJ. Jackie Berger and Barb Eliason passed out information to interested members after service on January 7.
- Tamora and Sabrina updated council on the current status of our pastor search. The team will be refining processes and re-advertising the position.
- Pastor Charlie shared some of his goals for his ministry at UCSJ. His plans include the following: work to streamline the administrative tasks and policies; improve relations with our affiliated denominations; enhance our membership programs; and work with the Memorial Committee on the gift policy of UCSJ.
- Pastor Charlie presented a facilities-use request. It was received from a 12-step program for co-dependents. The council approved the request subject to working out timing and insurance details.
- Council discussed the need to prepare for the coming of a new called pastor. Pastor Charlie will work with a team to identify needs, tasks, and opportunities.
- Sabrina advised council that she has had some preliminary contact with Grace Community Church about their plans to begin services in Ouray County. She raised the question about possible use of UCSJ facilities. Council voted to continue this exploration for further consideration.
- Dave closed with prayer. The next council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 8 at 4:00 PM.**