

March 14 Council Highlights

Council Chair Vince Snowbarger called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Members present were Jackie Berger, Sabrina Butler, Terry Butler, Brenda Engdahl, Lynne Evans, Dave Guenther, Carolyn Snowbarger, Vince Snowbarger, and Pastor Pam Stofferahn. Sally Swartz and Sue Stern were excused. Pastor Pam opened with prayer.

- The February financial report was briefly reviewed and approved. December giving is still covering for the monthly shortfalls that we usually have during the winter months.
- Jackie updated council on the transitioning of the Newslink preparation to Cindy Lahr with suggested deadlines and instructions on announcements that may need to go in Newslink and the bulletin.
- Cash receipts for the air conditioning project have passed the half-way point, and with additional pledges, the project is close to full funding. Based on that information, council authorized Dave to contract with Keenan's to install the units at UCSJ. Council approved any amounts received above those necessary for the AC could be used for the refurbishing of the log cabin.
- Dave reminded council that phase 1 of the log cabin will get underway in the next week. This includes clearing out the items currently in the space and the beginning of a thorough cleaning. The piano and many of the other items will be donated to Second Chance.
- Council discussed the Education Ministry going forward. Brenda indicated she would like to head the ministry for the next church year. Carolyn will work with Brenda to continue the current UCSJ Education Ministry programs. Dave and Pam agreed to take this information back to the Nominating Committee.
- Sabrina and Pastor Pam presented a plan for hiring an outside facilitator for a strategic planning event this summer. Council authorized spending up to \$1,000 for fees and expenses to contract with Fresh Thinking Strategic Leadership, LLC.
- Council adopted a new Alcohol Use Policy. Use must be approved by council. No hard liquor is allowed.
- Council adopted a new Solicitation Policy which replaces multiple policies addressing request for financial support, selling items on UCSJ premises, soliciting contributions, and compensating guest special ministries and musicians.
- Council approved eliminating a separate policy regarding memorial plaques preferring this to be a part of the comprehensive memorial policies.
- Carolyn up-dated council on plans for this summer's Summer Sundaes concert series.
- The meeting date for June was changed to Thursday, June 6. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 4 at 3:30 PM.**
- Jackie closed with prayer.