

August 9 Council Highlights

Your 2021-22 Council met for the first time under the newly adopted bylaws. Members present were: Dennis Eliason, Linda Ingo, Pam Larson, Robert McDaniel, Joan Moyer, Carolyn Snowbarger, Vince Snowbarger, and Pastor Charlie Packard. Alice Goertz and Dee Moore were excused. Joan Moyer acted as recording secretary. Sue Stern, treasurer, was present. Pastor Charlie opened with prayer.

- Sue presented the financial statements for July. Contributions for July were below budget and expenses were below budget as expected this early in the fiscal year. Going forward, the financials will be reviewed by the Administrative Committee at their monthly meeting and by the council quarterly.
- Sue further indicated that it is time to make our annual contributions to our four denominations. Council confirmed its commitment to our denominations as provided in our Bylaws and Affiliation Agreement. A check for \$5,100.50 will be sent to each of our four denominations. The total represents 10% of our general giving for the last church year.
- Pastor Charlie reported on his current activities and his schedule this fall. He has also asked council to investigate housing options over the winter months, specifically to see if any of our summer members might make their local home available. He also thought council should consider either a drop-down screen or large TV for presentations in the sanctuary.
- Pam reported that the Worship & Music Team has discussed the latest COVID concerns. Persons who wish to wear masks are encouraged to do so. However, masks will not be required under our current county guidance.
- The Worship & Music Team recommended that UCSJ purchase a Yamaha piano. The recommendation followed a search and trial done by Music Director Katy Kristoffersen. While the immediate purchase price will initially be paid from reserves, there will be a fund-raising campaign to purchase the piano. The Administrative Committee will work with the Worship & Music Team to complete the transaction.
- Dave Young continues to work with a person who is willing to move the trailer on the lots to our south.
- Pastor Charlie reviewed his anticipated timeline for his analysis and assessment of the current state of UCSJ in preparation for beginning the Pastor Search process. He anticipates reporting to the congregation on November 14 after an earlier presentation and discussion with council.
- Going forward, the Administrative Committee will be meeting monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, September 9 at 10 AM**.
- The Ministry Committee met on Sunday, August 22 and is planning a September meeting. This group will be meeting at least quarterly. Vice Chair of Ministry, Donna Whiskeman, will be arranging these meetings.
- **The next full council meeting will be Monday, November 8.**