

September Council Highlights

Beginning this past month, council began implementing the new structure provided in the Bylaws adopted in June. The Ministry Committee and the Administrative Committee each met to pursue their responsibilities. The Administrative Committee will meet monthly to do the ordinary business of UCSJ. The Ministry Committee will focus on implementing the ministry programs of the church.

The Administrative Committee met on September 9. Members present were Dennis Eliason, Joan Moyer, Donna Whiskeman, Vince Snowbarger, and Pastor Charlie. Pam Larson was present to represent the Worship & Music Team.

Monthly financials were reviewed and approved. While contributions are down, early year expenses are also below the monthly budget. The committee also approved requests for use of the sanctuary by Threshold Choir and a meditation group. UCSJ facilities are now being used four nights per week. The cabin has become too small a space to accommodate these groups, particularly with attempting social distancing.

The committee also heard from the Worship & Music Team concerning the delivery and fundraising efforts for the new piano. The team will be taking the lead on the fundraising and “introduction” of the new instrument. Pastor Charlie proposed providing a commissioning for the piano at the September 12th worship service.

The Administrative Committee also reviewed the status of the trailer move. It was noted that the porch had been removed. The land around the trailer must be excavated to get access to the axles so the trailer can be removed.

The roles of each committee member were discussed. Dennis will continue to operate the financial functions as has been done in the past. Joan will coordinate the Administrative Teams which still needs to be developed: communications, denominational relations, and buildings and maintenance. Vince will take on administrative tasks that aren't specifically designated to the other teams. Donna will organize and coordinate the Ministry Teams through the Ministry Committee.

The committee also discussed some of the tasks facing the group over the next year, including review of policies and implementation; update membership prior to the start of a new pastor; and charters or descriptions of the new Administrative Teams and Administrative Committee positions.

The full council is scheduled to meet to discuss coordination and communication between the two council committees on Monday, September 27 at 9 AM. The next **Administrative Committee meeting will be Monday, October 11 at 9 AM** and on the second Monday of each month going forward. The next meeting of the full council is scheduled for November 9.