

Columbia Congregational Church Council Meeting	Meeting Date:	Sunday, February 28, 2016
Attendees: Katie Christenson (Church Clerk), David Parmenter (Board of Finance), Pastor Betsey Polglase, Terry Tangerone (Nominating), Arnold Hinckley (Past President pro tem), Polly Hinckley (Music/Historian), Janice Knight (Deacons), Andrea Stannard (Member at Large), RJ Weston (Trustees)		

Discussion Items & Motions

1. **Meeting called to order 11:27am by Kathy Chapman**
2. **Pastor Betsey led the group in prayer**
3. **Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Dave moved; seconded by Arnold; all in favor, none opposed, RJ and Kathy abstained
4. **Treasurers Report** – Dave went over the report. Small deficit this month but we are still ahead year to date.
5. **Committee reports**
 - a. **Finance (Dave)** – nothing new to report. Preparing to do annual audits of Church reports.
 - b. **Member at Large (Andrea)** – was curious about elevator and if it is in working order. Had ~~head~~ heard that it broke again.
 - c. **Deacons (Janice) – No potluck prior to Palm Sunday**
 - d. **Stewardship** – moving ahead with Stewardship Sunday on April 17th. They will start to use the bulletin board that is by the coffee ~~part~~ pot to put out messages of thanks, etc.
 - e. **Trustees (RJ)** – handicapped bathroom pipes burst. Will set thermostat on low for the duration of the winter. Will insulate the outside of the pipes, fix it and paint it.
 - f. **Music (Polly)** – the copyright music license went up by 8 dollars. Received insurance letter regarding our Minott communion cup, 18th century, silver, valued at 5k. Coverage is from Jan 1 2016 to Dec 31 2017.
 - g. **Pastor Betsey** – thinking about or 300th anniversary. The Sunday before Thanksgiving maybe? Get a newsletter article monthly or quarterly for the next few years to gain momentum. Think about a potluck or a catered meal for the celebration. The last one (275) was catered.
 1. Andrea spoke about the Columbia Historical Society and what she has been working on.

6. **Adjourn**

Arnold motioned to adjourn at 11:50; RJ seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Christenson
Clerk