

Columbia Congregational Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 26, 2016

Attendees: Kathy Chapman (President), Polly Hinkley (Historian, Music), Debbie Smith (Christian Education), Mark Smith (Treasurer), Dean Toefer (Finance), Janice Knight (Deacons), Andrea Stannard (Member at Large), Henry Beck Jr (Investments), Terry Tangarone (acting clerk, stewardship), Guests: Kira Frances and her mother, Gabby Petrone and her mother

Discussion Items and Motions:

Kathy called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Dean led off with a prayer.
2. Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting- Henry made a motion to amend the agenda and added another item. Debby Smith seconded.
Debbie also motioned to accept the minutes of March 22, Andrea seconded, All in favor, Kathy and Dean abstain. (Typos and representations were requested to be corrected.)
3. Treasurers Report- Dean motioned to accept, Janice seconded, All in favor, no opposed/abstain. Kathy pointed out that Boards/Committees should be making a point to move the monies out of accounts a bit quicker.
4. Presidents Report- Kathy wanted to Thank Arnold for helping and filling in while she was recovering.
 - a. Sabbatical Leave- August thru October: Contract- still working out a couple of details but Kathy would follow up with final copy.
 - b. Campus Deed/Agreement with Town- Henry updated that the boundaries were marked with pins for the surveyor to clarify and that we were waiting for the Town to Approve.
 - c. Pastor Betsey is home from surgery and a gift and card will be given.
5. Committee Report:
 - a. Historian (Polly) - has a bit of history on Past Pastors- Father Avery 1852-1890 and has a program book for the previous anniversary
 - b. Deacons (Janice) - time for Pastor's evaluation over the coming month.
 - i. A letter was received by the Doucette's that they are leaving the church and will be placed on the inactive list.
 - c. Finance (Dean) - Audits are under way and he is happy with the way our members are very accountable for their responsibilities, he gave a reminder that budgets are due in.

- d. Investments (Henry) – Reinvestment of funds of the endowment account of \$5700, they are asking for suggestions on how to use this money. He turned over an invoice for a request for new plaque plates and will check that the invoice is appropriate.
- e. Stewardship (Terry) – we collected \$79,000 and some change on the Stewardship Sunday

Miscellaneous: Kathy was in receipt of notice from the Lions about the 4th of July Parade: deadline is June 15 and the theme is American Ingenuity.

Town has applied for a grant for a handicap/senior transport van, Pastor Betsey has sent in a support letter on behalf of CCC.

Adjourn - Polly made a motion to adjourn and Janice seconded, all in favor at 8:01.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

Terry Tangarone