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| Columbia Congregational Church Council Meeting | Meeting Date: | Tuesday, May 24, 2016 |
| Attendees: Katie Christenson (Church Clerk), David Parmenter (Board of Finance), Pastor Betsey Polglase, Arnold Hinkley (Past President pro tem), Polly Hinkley (Music; Historian), Mark Smith (Treasurer), Debbie Smith (Christian Education), Mark Smith (Treasurer); John Polglase (Board of Christian Concern) | | |

Discussion Items & Motions

1. **Debbie motioned for Arnold to lead meeting in Kathy's absence, Mark seconded; all in favor.** Meeting called to order at 7:08pm;
2. **Pastor Betsey led the group in prayer;**
3. **Accept Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Arnold motioned to accept, John seconded; all in favor. Dave, Katie and Betsey abstain;
 - a. **5d correction:** “Investments (Henry) – ~~Reinvestment~~ Distribution of funds, for the fiscal year, of funds for the endowment account of ~~\$5700~~ \$5726.75, 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.
4. **Treasurers Report** – Mark reviewed the treasurer's report. Debbie motioned to accept, John seconded. All in favor;
5. **Boundary Agreement Signed** – unsure if town has voted on agreement; pending Kathy's return;
6. **Charities of Hope request** – pending Kathy's return;
7. **4th of July Parade** – would the bell choir be interested?
8. **Committee reports**
 - a. **Finance** (Dave) – \$398 for two names to go on plaques in back of church; Dave motioned to allow money to come out of legacy endowment fund; John seconded; all in favor;
 - b. **Music/Historical Society** (Polly)- Alex will be back on Sunday! Music Sunday is June 5th and cake will be served. This is also teacher appreciation Sunday;
 - c. **Pastor Betsey** – Sabbatical agreement – a copy of revisions have been sent to Rev Harrison; he inserted paragraph that explains compensation does not include any benefits except mileage reimbursement; he has offered to come out to do an official signing or we can send back and forth. Council agrees to send back and forth for signature;
 1. Deacons arranging for coverage for the two weeks in September that Rev Harrison won't be here;
 2. Pastor Betsey would like a motion to enter into covenant with Rev James Harrison; John moved; Dave seconded. All in favor;
 - d. **BOCC** (John) – correction on Willimantic Baptist church; take out No Freeze; its just dinner. This starts Wednesday May 25, 2016 and then June 22 and July 27th;
 - e. **Education** (Polly) -2nd Sunday in June is church school Sunday with picnic;
 - f.

9. Adjourn

John motioned to adjourn at 7:40pm; Polly seconded; all in favor.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Christenson
Clerk