

FCC COUNCIL MINUTES 1.22.2025 CORRECTED

In attendance: Lester Freeman and Jan Rhodd (online), Christy Thompson, Bob Corbin, Dave Bryan, Marilyn Leming, Judy Basham, Arlene Stauffer, Pastor Stephen Johnson, Sandra Brown, and Nancy Stevenson

Christy opened the meeting by sharing positive comments about our church from the community and her gratitude for our efforts. She also introduced a new agenda form that she and Arlene developed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Stephen reported 152 coats given out through Koats for Kids.
- Sandra updated the group on the Flooring/Painting Project. On inspection, asbestos has been found in flooring in storage room by chapel. To remove it must be professionally abated, disposed of and certified in order to install planned vinyl flooring. However, it may be contained to that hall area of about 70 sq ft (incl Stephen and Karen's offices) and could be left carpeted. Another previous idea has been to install a door at hall entrance for security. Further discussion requires knowing the cost of the abatement. The estimate for replacing the carpet in the area affected by stains left by Wards is \$12,414.73. Approved by Council. Painting which was delayed by holidays will resume soon.
- Youth Minister Search. Stephen has received a possible candidate. Needs to be reviewed by search Team. Ordination not a requirement but must be commissioned. Discussion followed on where and how they are searching. They are using the DOC search and call process which canvassers OK but also the region. It is posted on OK DOC website. Consensus was to use professional channels as opposed to social media and utilize placement offices of OBU, Bethany Nazarene and other OK training schools.
- Warming Station for homeless. Discussion about issues that followed FCC housing people for 2 nights during cold weather. It conflicted with the new Winter Less Cold shelter project due to their restrictions of 48 hours of 15 degree temps (changed to wind-chill) in order to open and their location. While Friendship Feast is a partner, our actions appeared that we were competing or defying their efforts. It was not understood that they had to hire off duty police at \$500 per night. Other issues are background checks on volunteers, police presence, liability and roaches. On those nights, police were notified. Stephen checked on liability and insurance and it would be okay if only a few times a year and church reps were present. Some shelters use safeguards such as keeping guests' belongings in storage and requiring guests to shower before entering the sleeping area. It was also recommended to have pest

control treat the area immediately after hosting guests. However, the consensus is to support the city effort which receives funding from various sources and better partner with them for efficiency. Stephen will contact.

ACTION ITEMS

- Future meetings will start at 3 pm.
- Council members signed background check documents.
- Names were suggested to fill open positions on Personnel and Financial Review Committees.
- Cleanup help was requested while Ramona the custodian us sick. Bathroom trash, communion cups in pews etc.

Stephen closed reminding group of the many recent health and deaths in the congregation. Asked for ideas for group activities for 4 upcoming months with 5 Sundays.