

FCC COUNCIL 6.26.2024

Moderator Judy Basham opened the meeting. Present were: Judy, Pastor Stephen Johnson, Bob Corbin, Dave Bryan, Jacque Hart, Marilyn Leming, Christy Thompson, Jerry and Becky Helems, Mike Morriss and Lester Freeman (both online), and Nancy Stevenson (minutes). Charles Smith was absent.

After reviewing the consent agenda, the group proceeded through the items.

Old Business

- Regarding the lack of a Music/Choir Director and Accompanist, Amy Muegge has offered to continue to play for Sunday service through July.
- For painting projects, Jacque reported that the committee is waiting for estimates gathered by Kim Stauffer.
- Regarding request by Hospice to share our facility to store equipment or use office space in case of a disaster, a quorum was present and the group discussed and agreed to it. Bob asked about compensation and insurance issues that need to be verified.

New Business

- Regarding discussion on how our church can help the community in a disaster, the consensus was more information was needed. Pastor Stephen said our position is that we would provide emergency services requested but perhaps not overnight. Bob said that after last winter's endeavors to house the homeless an agreement was made that FCC would feed people through Friendship Feast M-Th and solicit/plan for other volunteers on the other days. The people would be then transported to the designated shelter.
- Regarding checking regularly on home-bound, sick, grieving or lonely members, Pastor Stephen, Lester and Nancy explained what elders do, with shepherding groups, calls, and communion visits. Pastor Stephen emphasized calling from the church number as people often don't answer unknown numbers.
- Regarding needing 3 at large reps for the annual Nominating Committee, Judy needs 1 more volunteer.
- Regarding the upcoming Audit Committee, one more person is also needed. Pastor Stephen clarified that it is not really an audit, involving reconciling and balancing numbers, but a financial review involving certifying procedures and processes are followed correctly. No financial or accounting knowledge is required. Jacque asked if the committee had access to individuals' donor/pledge information. Pastor

Stephen said probably only reimbursements to individuals would surface in their work.

- Regarding a Centennial celebration for our building. Becky first reviewed some history. She related a visit by Lew Wentz Englund wanting to see stained glass windows his ancestor sponsored. She also showed us slides of other churches the architect Clyde Woodruff designed in Denton, Paris, TX, Tulsa, Ft. Worth, and Oklahoma City. She pointed out commonly carved pews and the use of dogwood imagery. Our main sanctuary window and one in Pawhuska were created by Kokomo Glass who did Tiffany glass. Discussion followed on forming a committee to plan the celebration. Becky and Nancy volunteered and will solicit help from the Decorating group and hospitality volunteers.

Judy closed the meeting with prayer.