

FCC COUNCIL 8.27.2025

Present: ALL

Marilyn gave the opening prayer. In opening discussion, Stephen is looking for substitute preacher for date in November. Christy praised Friendship Feast posts and pictures by volunteer Rachel ----- and read positive feedback comments. The recent church social game night got rave reviews. John Adams who was cooking also noticed and fixed some plumbing issues in a bathroom. The new Wee Care Director Carrie Short is on board and shadowing her role until Sept. 1 when she takes over.

CONSENT AGENDA --- No discussion or issues. Approved by consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

- No action or news on AC for choir room.
- Flooring project has first floor in a mess and is behind. FCC has been out \$3-4K in unexpected extra labor costs. Not enough tile was either ordered or shipped to finish. Looking for cause and solutions. Extra expenses were manageable because of extra interest had been earned in the time lapse. CONSENSUS is Council will not pay more than contracted.

NEW BUSINESS

- Arlene reported on utility bill issue. New city meter had stopped and we were being undercharged but church is on bill-averaging so a credit had built up. Karen Adams discovered the problem and went to the city about it. When city corrects it (affecting other customers as well), the averaging and billing will be affected for next year.
- Janitor needed to replace Ramona is being sought. Has been posted on website and shared on Facebook.
- Need new coordinators and plan for Christmas decorating. Sandra and Jacque to step back but handle nativities. Inquirers will do big tree in sanctuary per Arlene. Early service will do chapel per Marilyn. Nancy will ask Challengers about setting up outside nativity. This leaves: hanging angels, doves etc. in sanctuary, decorating windows with candles, hanging garlands across choir loft, and decorating various smaller trees in entry, Fellowship Hall etc. Lester to ask Marlena to help.
- Upcoming Advent Dates:
Nov 23 – Congregational Meeting
Nov 27 – Thanksgiving
Nov 30 – Advent begins
TBD – Bell and/or Choir Concert
- Planning another Social: CONSENSUS for Oct 12 which is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Roast the pastor and some marshmallows. Possible outside fall weather event. Need class or group to sponsor. Nancy to ask Challengers.

- Other upcoming events:
Oct 16 – Goblins on Grand
TBD – possible reception after Bell Christmas Concert (“Taco Bell”)
- Nominating Committee has been filled. CONSENSUS: New members who just joined won’t be called. Bylaws require a six-month membership before serving.
- Arlene is shopping for plaques for Maxine Schneider and Historic Registry approved last month.
- Christy brought the idea of having a part-time social worker on staff, to coordinate community outreach, benevolence, bike ministry, Koats for Kids, and other projects. Stephen would like an intentional effort with a focus on youth. A survey of teenagers who attended workshop was need for focus on mental health (bullying, daily pressure, self-image, split families etc.)

Stephen said staff ready to be back in their offices. Amy Muegge is on leave from surgery until Sept 3. He will be attending niece’s wedding in NJ in Sept and will miss Council meeting. He closed with prayer.