

FCC COUNCIL MINUTES 2.28.2024

Moderator Judy Basham called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the Zoom conference room. Present were Judy, Charles Smith, Ed Newport, Lester Freeman, Dave Bryan, Christy Thompson, Marilyn Lemig, Pastor Stephen Johnson, and Nancy Stevenson (minutes). Quorum was satisfied. Judy offered the opening prayer by Francis Pipestem given at the Kaw Lake dedication, and memories were shared about that event. Judy distributed the agenda and gave the ministry reports.

.WEE CARE 2-4 year-olds have been enjoying the Thursday singing sessions with Ms, Olsen and staff are planning March activities.

A clothing drive is being planned for April to benefit Marland's Place's 16 foster children and their 14 siblings. Numbers have increased.

KOATS FOR KIDS has provided 189 coats this year, up from 159 last month.

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN is fallow for now.

AUDIO VISUAL Kent AV from Wichita has installed new speakers for the rear section of the sanctuary and made some modifications and adjustments to the amplification and routing components of the sound system.

FINANCIAL All 2023 giving and earning statements have been distributed to donors and employees.

MUSIC We have no prospects for pianist/organist, choir or handbell directors.

OFFICE All is well.

PASTOR Stephen was on vacation from January 23rd to February 4th. He is getting married on April 6th and will take some time off around then, but the specific days have not been set.

Ed Newport summarized the SFRT report attached.

Judy then proceeded to new business.

1. Hiring a youth minister. Discussion focused on need for youth ministry in general and the role of a youth minister and whether FCC could manage. Judy read an article "Friendships can lift Kids Out of Poverty" by Sujata Gupta. It was agreed that young people today can benefit from positive church activities as our generation did and FCC needs younger people and families in order to survive. There is \$50k available but it is finite and not self funding.

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Gerald Nield funds expected are to be invested and proceeds will benefit operating expenses. CONSENSUS was that that there needs to be a very strong commitment to a long term projet. There needs to be an assigned committee (perhaps Personnel) to do exploration. TO PROCEED: Stephen will research or adapt a job description for a youth minister/ coordinator and Marilyn will obtain the contact information for a prospect she knows, a junior high staff member.

2. HIRING A MUSIC DIRECTOR. Need Choir and bell director and pianist. There have been posts on Facebook, ads placed at NOC and OSU but no applicants so far.
3. CHAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL. Ed said it would cost \$10K for 100 chairs. Chairs ideally should be easy to clean, padded folding chairs. Consensus was to use the good chairs we already have.
4. SFRT Vacancy, Ted Impson resigned due to other priorities. Dave Bryan volunteered to take the spot. Karen Adams was complimented on her expertise and efficiency,

Judy closed the meeting with prayer.