

Collbran Congregational Church, UCC
Council Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022

Persons Present: Pastor Anne Djokic, Sue Bellotti, Tilda Evans, Julia Cox, Jean Kees, Cyndi Leinberger, Cindy Price, Berenice Yanez, Rachael Jennings, and Monica Klingler

Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Pastor Anne gave a devotional message to us to start our meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anne noted the joy of the Advent and Christmas season preparations. She made 63 calls and visits in December. She noted that for the entire year of 2021, she made 1,079 calls and visits! Anne, you bring strength and joy to so many. Thank you!

Special Guest Rachael Jennings came to describe her plans for her dance and gymnastics classes for the spring. On January 29th, Lisa Click would like to start a yoga class on Saturdays. She will pay the church. She has insurance coverage. It was discussed. We will need a copy of Lisa and Rachael's insurance. The charges will be the same- \$1/student/class/week. Rachel also asked if she can put a banner up on the landing from the stairs into the gym. This was approved. Rachael also needs to sign a rental agreement. Lisa will also need to do the same. Tilda and Sue will help with this. Sue moved that we allow both Rachael and Lisa to rent the gymnasium for the dance and gymnastics classes as well as the yoga classes. We will also allow Rachael to put her banner at the top of the stairs. Julia seconded. The motion passed.

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the December 13, 2021 Council Meeting were reviewed. There were several corrections made. Cyndi moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Julia seconded. The motion passed.

It was noted with joy that we have a new baby in our community. Rose Satterfield has a great-granddaughter, born to Ryan and Jacque Satterfield. The baby's name is Ellie Rose Satterfield. She was born December 18th, 2021.

Tilda will prepare the annual meeting report. She will need everyone's committee reports by 1/16/2022 to have the report ready for the congregation to review by 1/23/2022. It can be emailed to her at lewtildaevans@gmail.com.

Nominating Committee: Lew Evans has been nominated as a Steward, Bev Loftus as a Steward, and Tilda Evans as Moderator-Elect.

Treasurer's Report: Sue gave the Treasurer's report. She reviewed the profit and loss for December. The church Insurance costs are outrageous! We're trying to jump through all their hoops to minimize the costs. The insurance costs will be the demise of small churches. Sue noted that worker's comp. is \$34/month.

Stewardship: Cyndi Leinberger reviewed some ideas for a Stewardship Drive. The new Bible's cost \$716. \$480 was sponsored. Discussion was had about the best way to request money. A letter is the best way. We can note the cost of repairs, needs of the church. It was noted that every small group is struggling to meet funds. Anne suggested trumping up all our activities and programs we do for the community. Chocolate, Chai, and Chat is available to everyone. Rather than what we're fixing, make mention of how we're important to the community. Cyndi L. and Cindy P. will work on this, on Monday, 1/17.

Stewards Report: Jean gave the Stewards report. She reviewed the duties performed each Sunday. Bev, Cindy, and Jean collected the Christmas offering and lit the Peace candle in the Advent wreath. They got 12 poinsettias for the church, for the Christmas season. Peggy Shiflet and her family lit the Christ candle in the advent wreath and their sweet, newest family member, Scotlyn, put baby Jesus in the manger with her mom and dad on Christmas Eve. 71 people attended church on Christmas Eve. Jeannie Reeves is still sick- get well soon Jeannie!!!

Trustee's Report: - Sue and Julia gave this report. The last bit of remodeling is being done. It looks awesome! Window glass for the bathrooms and hall doors has been purchased. Mike Loftus will be asked to help with installation. Mike will also repair the church sign and sliding doors in the dining room. Rekeying the church will occur in the near future. The Trustee's are going through items around the church to see if they're still needed. Finally, inspectors have to look at the cupboards in the overflow room then they can be put to use.

Christian Education: The VBS curriculum will be prepared for.

Music: No Report

Women's Fellowship: Sue said that Women's Fellowship has served many meals and goodies for funerals and memorial services recently. They will provide the meat for the annual meeting potluck.

PPR Committee: No report

Memorial Committee: No report

Safety Committee: No Report

New Business:

The Noisy Offerings for 2022 were designated as:

January- Habitat for Humanity, Mesa County

February- Hope West Good Grief

March- Young Life Camperships through CMU

April- Collbran Library

May- Children of Migrant Workers

June- VBS Program

July- Plateau Valley Cancer Fund

August- Casa Milagra

September- OPEN

October- Lions Club

November- American Legion via Caleb Julius

December- Church World Mission Blanket Fund

There was no further business.

The next meeting will be on February 14th, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Klingler, Clerk