

Collbran Congregational Church, UCC
Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022

Persons Present: Pastor Anne Djokic, Sveto Djokic, Sue Bellotti, Tilda Evans, Lew Evans, Julia Cox, Jean Kees, Cindy Price, Sylvia Spangler, and Monica Klingler

Julia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pastor Anne gave a devotional message to us to start our meeting. It was "A Love Letter From Jesus" 😊

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the Annual Meeting on 1/30/22 were reviewed. Julia thanked everyone for their part in keeping the church going. The Annual Meeting Minutes will be approved by the congregation in 2023 but are reviewed now, to check for any mistakes while the meeting is still fresh in our memories. There were no corrections noted.

The minutes from the 1/10/22 Council Meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections. Cindy moved to accept the minutes as presented. Jean seconded. The motion passed.

It was noted with joy that we have several new babies in our church family and community. Jean Kees has a great-grandniece, Vanellope Mayflower Kiefer Garcia, who was born on February 6th. George and Nancy Currier celebrate the birth of a sweet granddaughter born to their daughter Sarah and husband Pete Severson. The baby's name is Sadie Jeanne Severson. She was born February 10, 2022. Christian and Amber Feller celebrated the birth of their new baby boy, Joseph Otto Feller.

Some sad occurrences are that neighbor Bill Hoke passed away. Bessie Jo Rienks, Julia's son-in-law's mother, passed away. One time member Marilyn Eidson passed away.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anne welcomed Tilda and Lew Evans and Beverly Loftus to the Church Council. She let us know that the Vacation Bible School materials for this year have come in. They are titled "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!" On February 27th, Ash Wednesday will be observed during the church service. Pastor noted the sermons she gave in January. She also noted that she made 80 calls and visits in January! Anne, thank you! Pastor also noted the upcoming Lenten season and activities that will be taking place. On April 16th, the Hope West Spring Swing will be held. Pastor asked special prayers for Jim Cole and Frank Dix, who are sick.

Pastor handed out a list for the Stewards, detailing when envelopes and flyers should be put in the bulletins, for special collections. There are 5 that Anne would like to highlight. Everyone thanked Anne for her special care of the church and the people.

Treasurer's Report: Sue gave the Treasurer's report. The total income for January was \$4711.68 and the expenses were \$4922.48- we were only \$210.80 in the hole. A little bit of money had to be pulled from savings. Sue reviewed the profit and loss, line by line, for January. Sue noted that worker's comp. is \$34/month, for our volunteers. We need to show that these folks have their own insurance. This is something that the Trustees will work on. Sue described some information that she received from McDonough Law, in reference to a Living Trust from Anne Anderson's estate. It is going through settlement and of any remaining money, 5% will be given to the church. Sue also noted that we received a \$250 donation from the 4H for their building use. Sveto showed everyone a wheelchair that he purchased from Mountain Aire. They gave the church the wheelchair, at cost. It was \$125 as opposed to \$235. Sveto had spoken with Susie Bevan and she suggested that Sveto speak with Mountain Aire. So, thanks to Susie for the help with finding a wheelchair and thanks to Mountain Aire for their generosity! Sue noted that electric rates will be going up from Grand Valley Power.

Stewardship: Cyndi Leinberger and Cindy Price have been working on a Stewardship letter. Sveto asked how we could improve giving. He has given some ideas. He reviewed our list of members and friends. He pulled names that are no longer in the area. The list needs to be updated. He handed out a draft letter for review. There were a few suggestions. This letter will be sent out in March, to be ahead of tax season. Sue and Sveto will work on the wording. Tilda asked if the folks who use the church get a Stewardship letter. They all give us generous donations so we typically don't give them a letter.

Moderator's Report: Julia gave the Moderator's Report. We need to approve our committees. They are: Safety Committee- Sveto Djokic, Mike Loftus, Lew Evans, and Miguel Yanez. PPR Committee- Past Moderator (Cindy Price), Past Past Moderator (Julia Cox), Pastor Anne, Council Representative (Sue Bellotti), and Pastor Representative (Becky Hittle). Memorial Committee- Cindy Price and Nancy Karlson. Sue moved to approve these three Committees, with the members noted. Lew seconded. The motion passed.

Trustee's Report: - Sue gave this report. 1) Becky Schowalter sent the church a letter, saying that she can no longer be the janitor. She will continue to help until a replacement is found. Tilda offered to take the janitorial position. The Trustees recommend that the Council accept Tilda's offer. Becky will help Tilda "learn the ropes".

Sylvia moved that we ask Tilda to be our janitor. Jean seconded. The motion passed. 2) A tenant/lease agreement will be initiated with Rachael Jennings and Lisa Click, for their dance/gymnastics and yoga classes at the church. Sue received proof of insurance from each. The Trustees will meet to complete a tenant agreement with these two ladies. 3) For the remodel, a final payment will be made after the contract is completed. The overflow room can now be offered for rent as a small meeting room. 4) Tilda noted that she and Beverly cleaned the top cupboards in the overflow room, for the Stewards. They caught the three blind mice! 5) Signatures are needed for access to the safe deposit box at the bank. This will be followed up with. 6) Sue filed the annual report with the National Office (Thank you Sue!) 7) Cindy Price sent a letter to the Rocky Mountain Conference regarding our bylaw changes. The specific bylaw was in reference to Article II for the dissolution of the church, in order to protect our church from being sold off. 8) Cindy Price will help provide information regarding rentals of equipment, as needed.

Stewards Report: Jean gave the Stewards report. She reviewed the duties performed each Sunday. January had 5 Sundays so the cash offering in the collection on the 5th Sunday goes to the stewards. Two new Stewards are here to help. Lew Evans and Bev Loftus are great assets! Jean noted the number of people in attendance at church over the past month. There were 17 people on January 2, 16 people on January 9, 18 people on January 16, 22 people on January 23, and 19 people on January 30.

Christian Education: The VBS curriculum is in. Rachael and Bereniece will be helpers and the Women's Fellowship will provide snacks. Bev Loftus will run the kitchen.

Music: Sue and Charli keep on keepin' on! Sue thanked Tilda for the music she puts on the screen with beautiful photos and art work.

Women's Fellowship: Sue said that Women's Fellowship will meet at 10 am on 2/15 to talk about the Sedar Supper, the Senior Tea, etc. The Lasagna supper will be on 3/18. Becky Hittle, her girls, and the White family will help. Tilda is preparing to label the Bibles that were sponsored.

PPR Committee: No report

Memorial Committee: No report

Safety Committee: Sveto came to talk about the Safety Committee. He outlined the work they have been doing. They lock the doors during the church service so if we need to leave during the service, we need to request having it locked behind us. The committee met in October. Since that time, smoke alarms have been installed by Mike Loftus. Fire extinguishers were put where needed. Non electrical and electrical exit signs were placed at the back doors. The smoke alarms are all connected. If one is set off, all will go off. Carbon Monoxide detectors were installed in the Scout Room, the dining room, the kitchen, and the gym. Practice evacuation and shelter-in-place drills will take place soon.

Old/New Business:

There was no further business.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on March 14th, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Klingler, Clerk