

**First United Church of Arvada**  
Minutes of the Council of Directors Meeting – Final  
**6:00 p.m. August 13, 2014**

Present: Tom Garrison, Moderator; Karin Kilpatric, Pastor; Jean Bareis, Director of Ministries; Bob Bunting, Accountant; Gail Goodman (helping Jeri Lou Maus, Clerk); Maralee Nobis-Jacobsen; Bob Abercrombie; Ralph Datema; Jeannie Garrison; Mike Maus, Kevin Volzke; Jan Satriano. Guests: Patsy Pfaff, and Kristine Hall, Strategic Planning Group.

Moderator Tom Garrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mike Maus offered the opening prayer.

**Mike Maus moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014, meeting, as amended. Motion seconded and passed.**

Financials Reports

**Bob Bunting, Accountant.** We have under-spent expenses by \$1,693.37, lowering the deficit.

**Stewardship, Maralee Nobis-Jacobsen.** Oct. 19 –Nov. 9 Stewardship campaign. Theme: “Blessed to be a Blessing”

Financial Peace University is cancelled for fall..

**New Business:**

1. Fishers Report: Bob Abercrombie. An All-Church Lawn Party is planned for Sept. 21. Focus: to reach out to the community. Est. cost: \$270. (banners \$175 for 3).

**MOTION: TO HOLD A LAWN PARTY ON SEPT. 21, FOLLOWING WORSHIP, LASTING ABOUT 2 HOURS, WITH FOOD, GAMES AND MUSIC. Motion seconded and passed.**

2. Worship & Arts Board Future Events:

Sept. 7, Back to School Sunday & Grandparents Day

Sept. 21 – Int’l. Day of Peace & Education Sunday

Sept. 28 – labyrinth, after worship, using donated old shoes

3. Trustees Request for Funds from Major Maintenance Fund – Tom Garrison  
Parking Lot Signs: “Church Parking Only” 4 signs = \$300.

There will be \$7,263 left in the Fund after the following are paid for: \$973 for the railing, \$3,650 for concrete, electrician \$700+, and for a survey est. \$750. **MIKE MAUS**

**MOVED THAT TRUSTEES PURCHASE 4 SIGNS FOR \$300.00. MOTION SECONDED AND PASSED.**

Jean Bareis requested \$88.39 from Youth Fund for treats purchased as 'give-aways' at Gay Pride Parade table promoting the UCC. **Jean made the motion, seconded and passed.**

**Maralee moved that \$197.00 from Major Maintenance Fund be used to repair Karin's computer. It was seconded and passed.** Next year we need to budget for a new computer.

Jan Satriano reported that 14 volunteers from FUCA helped with a June race, 13 for a July race, and 14 for a August 23 race, giving FUCA an additional \$1,025 income.

**Board Reports:**

- Board of Worship & Arts. Jeannie handed out the results of the survey and reviewed responses. She summarized results. The Board felt they got good suggestions, and many folks are pleased with changes & accomplishments. It is on-going process. (Attached)
- Board of Trustees. Mike reported that he was absent for July meeting and Trustees have not reviewed the survey yet.
- Board of Fellowship. Jan said they received much positive feed-back. Board is considering not having coffee and treats some Sundays during the summer, because members have not signed up for every Sunday. Tom suggested making an announcement about the needs. The Board suggested Fishers consider a booth at the Harvest Festival in early Sept. Board will consider for 2015. They are also willing to collaborate with other Boards on special events.
- Board of Fishers. Bob Abercrombie reported that Fishers discussed the survey. It is a good thing to do, but it's hard to interpret. Fishers focus: outreach to community and to our own members. Attached HANDOUT was reviewed.
- Board of Christian Education. Kari Fillmore reported that Adult Ed. is working well. Jean's work has had very positive results, including VBS, and the intergenerational programs. There is progress in the children & youth areas. More needs to be done to involve more kids in worship, and more adults in Bible study, but the focus needs to stay on children and youth programs. One idea, among others, was to 'kidnap' youth on a Saturday morning and take to breakfast. Mentors for new members was

suggested. There was a discussion about how to involve youth. ASK YOUTH SPECIFICALLY WHAT WE WANT THEM TO DO, suggested Kristine Hall.

- Board of Stewardship – Maralee passed out results of comments by Board members. .
- Board of Mission & Service – Ralph said that his Board had great confidence in the process. Needs to have more dialogue about all the mission projects, and the number of ‘asks’ for money. The Board continues to discuss it. There was discussion about action and involvements, not just giving dollars, including new options. SWAT Analysis (strengths, weakness, add (opportunities), threats.

#### Minister’s Report – Karin K.

Pastor Karin thanks folks for the serious sharing. She thinks we are doing very well. Many people volunteer in various ways. Intergenerational activities are important and rewarding. There is widespread participation. Visitors are coming from website.

Director of Ministries – Jean sees this church thriving in many ways, and there is a sense of generosity and warmth of welcome. She is grateful for the opportunity to work here, and she values it. Keep the spirit at the center of FUCA. Kari shared that her kids say that Jean is “always happy and peppy.” They love her! Jean is planning a workshop on Social Justice, perhaps in October.

Moderator’s Report – Tom: He thanked the Board reps for their reports, and for the time each Board spent on the survey results, and for the thoughtful comments. There are more things he thinks Council needs to deal with in the future.

Mike Maus moved to close the meeting.

Jeri Lou Maus offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 2014, 7 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Goodman, assisting Jeri Lou Maus, Clerk

Attachments:

Council Report from Fishers Bd.

Worship and Arts Survey Summary  
Stewardship Survey Summary