First United Church of Arvada
Minutes of the Council of Directors Meeting – Draft 2
6:00 p.m. November 12, 2014

Present: Tom Garrison, Moderator; Karin Kilpatric, Pastor; Jean Bareis, Director of Ministries, Bob Bunting, Accountant; Bill Martin, Treasurer; Jeri Lou Maus, Clerk; Maralee Nobis-Jacobsen; Bob Abercrombie; Ralph Datema; Jeannie Garrison; Mike Maus, Jan Satriano, Kevin Volzke, Patsy Pfaff.

Moderator Tom Garrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mike offered opening prayer.

Mike Maus moved to approve the minutes, as amended, of the October 8, 2014, meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Financials Reports:

Bob Bunting, Accountant.
End of October: Actual income: $14,433. Budgeted Income: $14,351. Non-fixed donations ahead by $8,353, Pledged behind by $4,700. Grocery income behind, but fundraising is ahead. Total: $922.98 ahead. Total expenses: budgeted: $145,469.20. Actual: $139,649.

Upcoming expenses: 12 new hymnals and Nativity animals from Worship & Arts budget.
Maralee reported, as of today, the Operating Budget is at 88% of budget target (-$15,219.28) and Major Maintenance is at 89%. ($-974.37) and OCWM is 83% (-$962.25). Patsy pointed out that 86.5% of the year has passed, so we should be OK.

Stewardship Campaign: Maralee thanked the Fellowship for the Baked Potato Fest following the Nov. 9 service. It was delicious, and fun! Good news- bad news: 18 pledges have not been returned. If all pledges are returned, we would be over budget. She will email a corrected report to Council. (Attached) Board reps were asked to budget realistically for 2015.

Restricted Funds Requests: $182 is needed for part of new outside aluminum sign(the UCC oval) from Trustees. Ralph moved to approve, seconded, and approved. Tom asked for $125 for a lightly used patio bistro set he bought from Don Brewer's Estate Sale. Ralph moved, seconded and approved. Tom and Jeannie also bought a set of plastic chairs and round metal table which they will donate to the church, come spring .

Board Report:

Mission and Service: Ralph reported that they are on target in spending for rest of 2014. The Board plans to emphasize service for next year. The first service project will be reading tutoring at Campbell Elementary School. Patsy will spearhead project.

Events Sharing by Board Reps: Jeannie said that Thanksgiving and Christmas times will be very active. Steve Simms made a Nativity creche and the kids will be making animals during Advent. The smells and sounds of Advent will be emphasized. On November 23 Byron will do a Powerpoint presentation on Gratitude. On Nov. 30 there will be a star making class for all. On Dec. 14 is a service of loss at 4 PM and at 5:00 PM a luminaria service. The Christmas Eve service begins at 5pm with the live Nativity from 5:30-6:30 pm.
Bob Abercrombie said there is no Art Show until 2015.

Old Business:

1. Members staying on Boards for 2015 – Tom passed an official sheet to tell us who is staying on the Boards.
2. Status of Website Administrator Search – Patsy reported that Patty Painter-Wakefield agreed to try it as a volunteer, to begin with. She will be trained this Friday by Byron. A consultant would cost from $15(student) up to $60 (for a web master) per hour. Patsy and Kristine have researched this. A consultant is on hold, until Patty decides if she will continue. There was discussion about who and what needs to go on the web site and what for the newsletter. Ralph felt there needs to be a specific procedure how to do. E.G. use this link, or check this box.
3. Campbell Elem. School Literacy Outreach Volunteer Update – Patsy said the principal wanted it to start right away, so will start Dec. 4 on Thursday mornings, 9:20-10:10am for one 2nd grade class. She and Sandy Simms will be the first volunteers. Two volunteers per class. Three of our students attend: Elsa, Jason and Juliana.

New Business:

Looking ahead to 2015 (No meeting in December). Tom's ideas to focus on:

- Youth and Children's Programs
- More Social/Fellowship time
- Think about this for January meeting

Maralee has been working on the history of the church for several years. She needs $100 more, for binders, etc. Council agreed. She passed on a suggestion from Jim Bower: members might visit other churches to see what is working, youth-wise.

Minister's Report: Karin reported that she has been focusing on worship topics, and participating in Metro Denver meetings, the CROP Walk, and she had a women's luncheon at her home (many new gals attended). Continued social and outreach to members, and she reminded Council to remember that new members need some Honeymoon time before being asked to take on big responsibilities.

Director of Ministries Report: Jean reported that Worshp & Wonder is going well. A lot is going on with the youth. Sue Wedaa and Suzanne Volzke are alternating leading the youth. This coming Sat. night at 7pm, there will be a youth lock-in at the church,. About 11 youth are interested, with two adult chaperones at all times. The Fillmores have offered their home on

Dec.20 for a youth caroling party. Jean is writing up a report on the youth summer work project. Congregations Alive! is happening again next spring. Jean is making wood figures for Godly Play, and Carrie is painting them for the kids.

Bill Martin said that he has come to church twice, later in the day, and doors have been left unlocked and lights on in bathrooms. All Board members need to be alerted, as well as Gloria Knutson, Mary Ann Fraser, Warren of the Bridge Club, AA, and GA.

Tom reminded reps to get Annual Reports to Margie by Dec.15, and Jan. 3 is Budget Meeting.

Ralph moved to close with prayer, seconded, and passed

Closing Prayer was given by Ralph at 7:55 pm.

IMPORTANT Future Dates:

Nov. 28 – Budgets to Bob
Dec. 15 – Annual Reports to Margie
Jan. 3 – Budget Meeting. 9am – 12 noon
Jan. 14 – Council Meeting, 6-8 pm
Jan. 25 – Annual Congregational Meeting

Next Council Meeting: January 14, 2015, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jeri Lou Maus, Clerk