

Collbran Congregational Church, UCC
Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022

Persons Present: Pastor Anne Djokic, Sue Bellotti, Tilda Evans, Lew Evans, Cindy Price, Cyndi Leinberger, Julia Cox, Sylvia Spangler, Bev Loftus, Berenice Yanez, and Monica Klingler

Moderator, Julia Cox, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pastor Anne gave a devotional message about the 3 “C’s” to cultivate tenderness in our lives. 1) Courage, 2) Curiosity, 3) Compassion. Anne focused on compassion. We should consciously focus on others’ innate goodness.

Clerk’s Report: The minutes from the Annual 3/14/22 Council Meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. There was an update- there will be no Easter egg hunt this year. Sylvia moved to accept the minutes as presented. Lew seconded. The motion passed.

It was noted with sadness that we lost our good friend and church attendee Nancy Karlson on 4/5/2022. Cheryl Bryant’s brother-in-law, Woodrow “Woody” Bryant also passed away. Nancy’s family will have a memorial for Nancy in June. The Horizon Club will help Women’s Fellowship provide food for Nancy’s service.

Julia noted that she had received a donation from Nancy Karlson the week before she died. She donated \$100 for plants to go in the planter in Mother’s Park. We will honor her with that and a plaque.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Anne gave her report. We have a full week ahead! Maundy Thursday will be celebrated on 4/14. Friday, 4/15, the sanctuary will be open for people to come in for Good Friday. Pastor will give the invocation for the Spring Swing on 4/16. Sunday, 4/17, will be Easter! Pastor reviewed her sermons from the past month. She made 92 calls and visits in March! Pastor asked for Sunday, June 12th off. Julia thanked Anne and said that Anne definitely deserves a day off! Pastor will line up pulpit supply.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue gave the Treasurer’s report. She gave a savings account breakdown for the 1st Quarter of 2022. Our accounts are in fair shape. She also reviewed the profit and loss statement. We are in the black. The lasagna dinner made \$1390.00! Sue also noted the Noisy Offering receipts so far this year, as well as donations to the Our Church’s Wider Mission offerings. The Safety Deposit box information at the bank still needs to be updated.

Stewardship: The Stewardship letter resulted in a very nice response from the community.

Moderator's Report: No Report

Trustee's Report: - Sue gave this report. She noted that the cones used during the winter need to get put downstairs. She will ask Roberto Salamanca to mow the lawn on April 28th so that the church looks good for a gathering on April 30th. Some projects that need to be done include checking a soft spot in the ceiling in the fellowship room, replace some lights, etc. Cindy suggested that the ceiling be looked at by Kruger Roofing. They are waiting for the plumbers to replace the sink in the bathroom so we can finalize payment to Ford Construction. \$10,000 payment is being held until the sink is replaced. The plumbers are sub-contractors. The Trustees will also go over the contract with Rachel Jennings for her use of the gym. A spring cleaning is needed. Women's Fellowship will take care of the kitchen and dining room. The first day of cleaning will be April 29th and a second on May 7th. It will be from 9 am to noon. The Trustees will make a list of jobs to complete. Sue has a filing cabinet to store Peggy Shiflet's notebooks of obituaries. We will need a historian to keep track of all these things! Burke Miller (the construction consultant and project manager) wants one of the cabinets in the nursery.

Stewards Report: Bev Loftus gave the Stewards report. She reviewed the duties that the Stewards performed each Sunday during the 4 Sundays of March. The Stewards helped Anne with communion. The gluten free crackers are now separated from the bread, in a separate dish. The Stewards will pick up the palms and Easter lilies ordered for Palm Sunday and Easter. An envelope for a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing was passed out on March 27th. The Noisy Offering was collected for Young Life in Grand Junction. Attendance in March was 19 people on March 6th; 23 people on March 13th, 19 people on March 20th, and 22 people on March 27th.

Christian Education: Sue gave an update on VBS. It will be on June 22-24. The program will be June 26th. A planning meeting is needed. Pastor Anne, Rachel Jennings, Cyndi Leinberger, Berenice Yanez, and Sue will all be helping. Music and the program are figured out. Teachers and the curriculum are needed. The meeting date was set for May 6 at noon.

Music: Sue and Charli continue to grace us with beautiful music.

Women's Fellowship: Julia and Sue gave this report. The Senior Tea will be on May 3rd and about 60 people are expected. There will be gymnastics that day but Rachel will try to have quiet activities. Sedar Supper will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday 4/14. The next meeting will be at 10 am on April 12th.

Trustees continued: Rachel Jennings came in. She, Sue, and Julia have met to complete a building use agreement for Rachel's use of the gym. A copy was handed out to everyone for review. Lisa Click will also sign one for her yoga classes. Rachel let everyone know that she'll be having a dance camp on June 27- July1. A gymnastics camp will be held July 25-29. Both will be from 0800-1200. Her gymnastics recital will be May 20th at 6 pm. The dance recitals will be held at the school on June 3 and 4 at 2 and 6 pm. She will review the building use agreement and get it back to the Trustees.

A copy of an email was handed out to everyone. It was from Sue Artt, the conference minister for the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC). See Tidbit #1 in the handout. It says that if your church is leasing property to a "for profit" group, it could imperil the church's non-profit status. We will need to contact the RMC attorney to see if we could lose our non-profit status. Tidbit #4- Every insurance policy needs to be kept FOREVER! We have not kept them. We do have the checks to prove that they were paid. This will have to be dealt with.

There is wax on the altar glass that needs to be cleaned. Tilda will come up with some other jobs for the cleanup days.

PPR Committee: Anne and the committee will be meeting on July 1 at noon. The Committee met on March 25.

Memorial Committee: No report

Safety Committee: Tilda said that she will put up signs on the doors to let folks know when the doors are locked.

Old/New Business:

- It was noted that the time change for the church services will be on June 5th. Church will start at 10 am.
- Tilda requested that any articles for the Mustard Seed be provided to her by April 25th.
- There was no further business.
- The next meeting will be on May 9th, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.
- Anne gave a parting prayer about Jesus taking on the job of dying for us and that we can realize that nothing we do can be as difficult as that. She prayed for Nancy Karlson's place in heaven and for us to all be compassionate with our family and neighbors.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Klingler, Clerk