

Council Meeting Minutes—July 22, 2024

Peace UCC Church Council meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m., Monday, July 22, 2024. PRESENT: Jay Moser, Steve McCorkindale, Mike Anderson, Thersea Freitag, Marlis Huniker and Pastor Paula. ABSENT: Jane Metcalf

Jay Moser called the mtg. to order. Pastor Paula gave devotions.

The June mtg. minutes were formally approved with Steve McCorkindale making the motion to approve, Mike Anderson seconding it and minutes were approved.

The financial report showed that Income is down at mid year due to summer. Expenses are down. Mike Anderson made a motion to accept the financial report, Steve McCorkindale seconded it and all approved of the financial report.

The Pastor's report was given—activities for the month involved worship services, Grace Café, Care Center worship, 2 funerals, hospital and other visits, 1 council mtg., 1 Memorial Committee mtg., 1 Stephens' Ministers mtg.

Kristina Miller came briefly to the mtg. It was decided to cancel budget billing for the Black Hills Natural Gas account. Kristina clarified the 2 bills for the copier—one is payment for lease and other is paying for number of copies.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Pastor Paula reported the receipt of a large box of materials that could be used for the Sunday School program.

Building and Grounds: Gary Kuehl has received no answer about tuck pointing the church. The Memorial Committee raised the issue of a better microphone system. Council decided to put a longer cord on the microphone that hangs from the balcony and see if this improves the situation. The Memorial Committee indicated willingness to pay for an additional microphone if needed. Discussion was held regarding what to do with the unused door in the kitchen and the outside steps leading to it—recommended filling in the steps and planting grass. Discussion will continue when more information on costs is learned.

Debbie and Mike Johnson wanted to know if it was okay if they hooked up the water to the fridge in the parsonage. They would pay for it. Steve McCorkindale made the motion to allow them to do it, Thersea Freitag seconded it and all approved. Discussion was held on repair of parsonage back porch. Council will discuss this further at the next mtg.

Worship: no mtg. has been held. The scripture readings and hymns for September through November have been prepared.

Memorial Committee: the Committee gave a request form to the council to pay for a 30 panel swinging wall display to replace the one in the narthex. The cost is \$1,196 plus tax. It is like the one at the Depot and is much sturdier than the current one. Mike Anderson made the motion to accept this and Steve McCorkindale seconded it. All approved.

Further New Business: Dean and Joanne Gray are willing to sell a quarter of beef to the church to be used for Grace Café. The matter is tabled until the council can discuss this further with the Grays. Discussion concerning the secretary position was held. Pastor Paula offered to rewrite the ad and will send it to Jay Moser.

Next Council mtg. date and time: due to a change in Steve McCorkindale's schedule, the council can now return to meeting on the second Monday of the

month. The next council mtg. will be on Monday, August 12th, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the church office.

The council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Paula in the absence of Jane Metcalf