

Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2015

I. **Opening:** Silvia opened the meeting with prayer and a pot luck was served.

II. **Committee Reports**

A. **Trustees**

1. **Copy machine and printer:** Craig noted that the copy machine is no longer feeding paper properly and may need to be replaced. He also said that the printer in his office quit working and Dana Petersen has loaned him a printer in the meantime. A motion was made and seconded to buy a new copy machine and printer. Phillip Walters noted that it would be too expensive to attempt repair of the copy machine. The consensus was that we would buy what was recommended by Dana. The motion passed. Craig will contact Dana regarding this.
2. **Railings:** Connie Goodell noted that we need to install higher railings on the steps into the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. She thinks the existing railings could be added onto. This has been talked about previously to make safer access especially during winter. Phillip said that they should meet ADA standards. Connie will look for bids and get back to us.
3. **Tree:** The old tree out front has been removed and the wood is available for those who want it. See Craig for this. A Wasatch Maple was planted in memory of Jack Ott. The American Society of Foresters, of which Jack was a long time member, donated \$200 towards this memorial fund.
4. **Sanctuary Doors:** Craig states that Gwen Hawkins has been looking at new church doors for which Betty Alexander's memorial fund will be used. It was felt that having Jay Fann carve the doors would be too expensive but Mary Ann Ott would like us to consider this option. She states that money left in Jack's memorial fund could be put towards this. She will discuss this with Gwen.

B. **WON Team (Worship, Outreach, Nurture)**

1. **Exercise and hiking:** Connie Goodell reports that the Heavenly Fit class is continuing through the summer due to participant's request. The hikers have not done their regular schedule due to Connie Anderson's mom passing away.
2. **Social Events:** Events such as plays, concerts, and overnight trips have been very well attended this summer.
3. **Gardens and Pergola:** Connie G. reports that the volunteers are doing a great job keeping our gardens looking nice. The last phase of the garden is to install a pergola and water fountain for an area of respite and peace. Connie G. is requesting that the church match a \$500 donation that has been given towards this already to obtain a \$1000 pergola kit. A motion was made and seconded to that effect. Craig noted that children have a safe place to play and people are often resting and enjoying the gardens here. The motion passed. We will have a work day to lay flagstone and install the pergola when it arrives.
4. **Report from Anna Taft:** Anna is requesting that we support her Tandana Foundation's outreach in Mali. Our church previously bought millet for their grain banks during a food crisis. She has now started the Tomoso Literacy Program in Mali villages. This is a

women's literacy outreach, providing women the skills to conduct business and trade. They are hoping to reach additional villages in the coming year. The cost is \$2600 which covers materials, training, and instructors for one village. Some of the women who have gone through the program are now becoming instructors for other women. A motion was made for the church to provide \$2600 for a village through apportionments and a special offering. The motion passed. Anna and Craig will coordinate to ask for a special offering over a couple of upcoming Sundays.

- C. **Finance:** Leonard provided the latest financial report. We are about \$10,000 over his estimated budget at this point. This has to do with expenses for the new parsonage kitchen. However, the Vanguard Fund is doing well with over \$350,000 currently.
- D. **PPR (Pastor Parish Relations):** Craig states that our District Superintendent will be coming in August and that he will contact Gwen about working on the reports that will be due.

III. **Pastor's Report**

- A. **Youth Mission Trip:** Craig reports that our high school youth had a successful and transformative service trip to Tsaile, AZ through Sierra Service Project. They did many projects such as roof repair and ramp building. The youth will be learning about The Fruits of the Spirit during their fall youth group meetings. Eric Howser and Kim Schultz have been a great help with our expanding youth program.
 - B. **Upcoming Sundays:**
 - 1. **Youth Report Sunday:** On August 16 we will have one service at 10:00 am where our high school students will do a slide show and tell about their experiences in Tsaile, AZ.
 - 2. **Transfer Overlook Sunday:** On August 30 we will have one service at 10:00 am at the Transfer Overlook. There will be camping and a BBQ with potluck the night before (Sat August 29) starting at 5 pm. Connie G. has reserved the group campsite for this.
 - C. **Reconciling Church:** Craig requested that we consider going through the process of becoming a Reconciling Church. An example of this would be making a public statement that all are welcome regardless of age, income, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, disability/ability or level of education. This process would take about a year and there would be facilitators that would come in and work with church members to make sure that all voices and opinions are heard. The general consensus was that we should continue to explore this process as we feel that Jesus would welcome all to his table.
 - D. **New Members:** We had 9 new members join the church at a recent service. We will continue to live the motto "Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors."
- IV. **Next Meeting:** September 20th after the second service with a pot luck. Please join us!