

First Congregational Christian U.C.C.
April 23, 2013 Council Meeting

Present: Betsy Hoshaw, Moderator; Pastor Tice, Carol Podwell, Kevin Gasaway, Rick Maughmer, Karen & Jerry Caylor, Stacey Tice, Marcia Grant, Nancy Phillips

Betsy read from 1 Timothy 6 and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the special meeting called on March 19th was read and approved.

Opening discussion centered on the need for an updating of the by-laws. This item has been in the works for several years, but has not been completed as of this date. Rick offered to set aside time during the next week to work on this task.

150th Anniversary Update: Karen Caylor reported the Sunday dinner following the morning worship service on September 8th, will be catered, family style, by Rozzi's. They will be able to accommodate 180 reservations. The attendees will be charged \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and reservations are required by the August 25th deadline. Activities for Saturday, September 7th are still in the planning stages. Karen is requesting more support from the congregation in this very important celebration.

Financial Ministry: Jerry Caylor

- 1) Jerry reported the financial ministry has increased its pledge to the elevator project to \$100,000 to start the capital fund drive.
- 2) He reported that the on-line giving will be completed by next week. The website will be user friendly and a secure site.
- 3) Jerry read draft #2 of the letter created to be sent to the congregation outlining the recommendation and explanation of the council and the financial ministry on the proposed elevator project. After discussion and suggestions, Rick offered to make the necessary changes that would complete the draft for mailing to the congregation.

A joint motion from the council and the financial ministry will be sent to the congregation in a letter of information. It will announce a meeting to be held from the pulpit on May 8th to clarify any questions. On May 19th, between the two services, a meeting will be held for a vote of affirmation of the elevator project from the congregation, and a motion recommending a funding plan.

Hope House: Jon reported some of the needs for the house. There is still work to be done and on May 18th some of the men attending the Man to Man Breakfast will volunteer to help. The congregation will also be needed to help scrape and paint the columns on the porch and some required painting upstairs and the room behind the kitchen. The downstairs still needs a stove.

Flood Recovery: The clothing we had received for the flood victims was picked up this morning and will be distributed at a central location at 310 E. Monroe. A call for furniture, personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies will also be distributed from this location. A team of