

First Congregational Christian Church U.C.C.  
June 18, 2013 Council Meeting

Present: Betsy Hoshaw, Moderator; Kitty Bell, Stacey Tice, Nancy Phillips, Carol Podwell, Marcia Grant, Pastor Jon Tice, Sherry King

Betsy opened they meeting with a prayer.

Instead of the usual format of reports from the individual ministries, Betsy had requested each of the following questions be discussed and prayed about during the ministry meetings and the results shared at Council.

1. How has the attendance of the Ministry been over the last year? (actual numbers, if possible.)
2. How has the attendance effected the function of the ministry?
3. What programs/events are in keeping with our Mission Statement? (List)
4. The Nominating Committee works so hard but we all know by now that the current process of "filling boards/ministries is not tapping into the spiritual gifts of all our members nor is it likely to make individuals more available for regular meetings.

What alternatives can we consider?

5. There are tasks that need to be done on a regular weekly basis, and periodically. How much structure do we need? How can we make disciples in the most effective, loving and nuturing way?
6. How can we enhance Biblical study and spiritual growth opportunities beyond Sunday mornings?

There was quite a lengthy discussion and it was the general consensus, that while several of the boards struggled with regular member attendance, the specific duties of the ministries were being met. However, we are not functioning totally as laid out in the by-laws.

We discussed what is 'membership' as recognized by our by-laws. The by-laws require that a member believe in the apostle's creed, our mission statement, contribute financially, and participation and service. We do not currently, or have not for a long time, followed the acceptance process of the Diaconate.

The meetng was adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Next meeting July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Grant, Church Clerk