

First Congregational Church
November 26, 2013 Council Meeting

Present: Betsy Hoshaw, Moderator, Sherry King, Carol Podwell, Nancy Phillips, Jerry Caylor, Ron Phillips, Rick Maughmer, Pastor Jon Tice, Stacey Tice, Marcia Grant

The November Council Meeting followed the decorating of the church for the Christmas holiday. Ron Phillips opened the meeting with a prayer. Jerry moved the minutes of the November meeting be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Sherry and passed.

Betsy advised all board reports, except the finance board, were due by the annual meeting held in two weeks. It was reported most of the boards current members had agreed to stay another year. Carole requested to be advised of any changes. Betsy and Rick have agreed to fill both the moderator and vice-moderator for another year.

After discussion, it was decided there was not a need to fill the position of the Fellowship chairman. All individual tasks for receptions, graduations, new members, confirmation and funeral dinners are currently being handled by volunteers.

Pledge Drive: Even though many members are choosing not to pledge, there will still be a pledge letter sent for those who choose to continue this tradition.

By-Laws: Don Button is currently looking into by-laws that are being revised to cover the bare bones of the governance of First Congregational Church.

After a lengthy discussion to determine a definition of "member", Jerry proposed the following motion:

Membership is focused on responsibilities to the Lord rather than on privileges, and requires that each accepts the Apostles' Creed, the Mission Statement of this church, share their time, talents and treasures and make a public commitment to the local church.

Nancy seconded and the motion carried.

Jerry distributed a copy of the current proposed budget for 2014 for our information.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th. The next council meeting will be held January 28th, 2014 at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Grant, Church Clerk