

First Congregational Church
February 10, 2014 Council Meeting

Present: Betsy Hoshaw, Moderator, Pastor Jon Tice, Rick Maughmer, Jerry & Karen Caylor, Ron & Nancy Phillips, Carole Podwell, Marcia Grant

Betsy opened the meeting with prayer.

Elevator Update: Jerry reported the elevator is ready, but cannot be installed until the brick work has been completed. Due to the extreme cold weather they have not been able to do any brick work.

Security: Due to the recent break-in, Betsy asked if the proposal to upgrade the security system be sent back to the Trustees. It was suggested that a cage should be installed over the air-conditioner unit.

By-laws: Betsy announced she has resigned from the By-Laws Committee and any change in the by-laws is of no consequence at this time. It was suggested that a third person be involved to help Don Button and Kitty move forward to finalize.

Tech Committee: Betsy reported that new equipment is needed to upgrade and replace non-functioning items. Betsy will finalize what is needed with a dollar amount and give to Jerry to present to the Trustees.

Standridges: Support for the Standridges was tabled at this time.

Apostle-Build/Habitat: Ron attended a meeting on January 15. There were six churches represented at this meeting to hear about plans for an Apostle Build the second week in July. Ron pledged \$4,200 from our church. We typically give \$1,000 a year from Service.

Indiana-Kentucky Conference is sending a team sometime in July to work with tornado victims in Kokomo. They are asking us to host the team for eating and sleeping headquarters. We will check with the Y.M.C.A. for availability of showers and the Trustees for this request.

Statement of Marriage Amendment: Pastor Jon and several other ministers in our community are preparing a statement to take a stand on the definition of Marriage. Following a lengthy discussion, Rick moved that we give Pastor Jon permission to sign his name as Pastor of First Congregational Church when completed and to be reviewed several church members. The motion was seconded by Jerry and passed.

United Church of Christ Organization: Pastor Jon recommended we form a process and a plan that would ultimately proceed to engage the congregation to separate from an organization that does not reflect our beliefs.

March 2 Next Congregational Breakfast: Nancy will have the proper verbiage to changes in the

Apostles Creed that will be inserted in our proposed definition of "Membership".

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M. Next council meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Grant, Church Clerk