

First Congregational Church U.C.C.
March 25, 2014 Council Meeting

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

Betsy opened the meeting with a prayer. Nancy moved the February minutes be approved as presented. Motion seconded and passed.

Making Disciples: Betsy reported the LRP team has agreed that "making disciples" is the single most important thing we can do as a church and as individual. The committee will not meet for the next few months while several from the group along with others from the church engage in the opportunity of training for discipleship work. The first class begins Sunday evening March 30th.

Mission Statement: The LRP team reported to the Council that our Mission Statement is a sound Biblical and purposeful mission. This Mission Statement, as agreed upon by the Council and by the church is the focus of everything we do.

By-Laws: The Council agreed at the last meeting that a revision of the By-Laws, to a simpler, less detailed format needs to be constructed, since the church is not currently adhering to the current by-laws. Betsy is leaving the By-Laws committee, but agreed along with Carole Podwell, to bring a copy of the proposed by-laws along with the current by-laws to the next council meeting to compare and try to reach a consensus. Once we have agreed on updated by-laws this will be presented to Mr. Button for his advice.

Use of disposables items: The Fellowship Ministry would like the church council to make a policy that we use our dishes and utensils for most events rather than disposables. Recent church breakfasts and the Lenten dinners have used this approach with no problems encountered. After discussion, it was recommended we update the verbiage used on the current 'Use of Facility' form. Jerry will volunteer to make those changes.

U.C.C.: Pastor Jon presented a draft concerning the discussion of the U.C.C. He believes the time has come to have an open discussion concerning the future of First Congregational Christian Church and its relationship with the United Church of Christ organization. We would request a direction from the LRP team to address this issue as to how does this organization support what we are doing as a church. It was decided the best way to communicate this, would be to invite representatives of all the missions on Tuesday, April 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned:
Marcia Grant, Church Clerk