

## Minutes of the Membership Meeting March 22, 2018

### Attendees:

Russell Fletcher,  
Terry Vogt  
Ann Gerteis  
Jeanne Ambrosier  
Dianne Donelson  
Bill Graf  
Jim Ament

### Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report:** We started January 1 with 447 members. With the addition of 4 new members via transfer, and 2 via “restoration” which had been incorrectly “withdrawn” in 2012, minus a transfer to a Texas church, we now have 452 members plus some prospects likely to join in the future.

**Special Events:** Terry briefly covered these items:

- *Lenten concert series* is underway and has been a great success with 45 people at the first one and 52 people attending the second one. Clyde's lunch at the second one was hailed as quite special.
- *Baroque Folke* are scheduled for 4-22-18 and the hymns have been chosen. There is also a pancake breakfast scheduled for that day.
- *Rodeo Parade*—6-16-18—Our participation will be managed by Marcia Loomis. We will be using the new van, which will pull a new trailer supplied by Glenn Stoll and carry children who will hand out something yet to be defined. We will advertise Vacation Bible School on the trailer, and of course the van advertises the church.
- *Church at the Ranch*—6-17-18—All is on schedule as outlined in Terry's memo of 2-20-18.

**Visitor Contact:** Marlene Waltz, Ann Gerteis, Dianne Donelson. Dianne offered up a newly designed printed mailer for sending to visitors. Not mentioned: Pem Dunn would take new pictures of the church's stained glass for whichever one would be chosen for these mailers.

**Membership Involvement:** No report.

**Marketing Plan:** We will not pursue a true marketing plan because Lori Miscovich is now attending the Calvary church with her husband Michael. Terry and I met with Lori a couple weeks ago and she suggested that given our demographics, and what we as a church want to do, we should spend our money on *focused* advertising, targeting special events that the community might be interested in. She also suggested that we quit paying the Chamber of Commerce for the nothing that we get out of it. (This has been handled.) Terry, Russell, Dianne Donelson and I will meet at 1:00 after the next Wednesday concert on March 28th to discuss using “Next Door Evergreen” or any other inexpensive vehicle to get the word out on our church events. We’ll also need some oversight on the Canyon Courier and coordination with the church office, i.e. Carol. Lori further recommended that because when new people to the community search for a church, they usually use the Internet, and check out websites. She felt that our website needs some work with regular and consistent feeding of new content.

**New Business:** Bill Graf had two proposals to discuss that involve multiple teams.

**First proposal:**

Bill proposed that we put in place the following, working with **Trustees** and **Worship** teams: Obtain (by purchase or gift?) (1) a good quality digital video camera to install in the sanctuary and (2) a large flat screen monitor and mount/wire it over the doors leading from the Fellowship Hall to the Narthex. We already have functioning speakers on both sides of that location. Penn Gildersleeve already did some temporary snaking of wire to a smaller monitor on cart for possible use for large funerals. This would give us a permanent and aesthetic set up to use for:

- (1) Overflow into Fellowship Hall for large funerals or weddings;
- (2) Membership-sponsored Family DVD Movie Nights
- (3) A Sunday morning space for parents stepping out with crying babies to go and still be able to experience the worship service.

With the video camera, this would also give us the ability to stream (live) the worship service over the internet from our website or to record it and make it accessible late by clicking on a link. (The website possibly would need updating.) Bill consider’s all of these benefits to be important in the life and growth of our church, to which there was general agreement.

Bill's lay person estimate is that we could accomplish all this for approximately \$3,000, depending on the quality level of the video camera we would get. Much or all of this cost could probably be covered by donations.

There was discussion about finding the high tech help within the church to figure out how to do this. Names mentioned were Robin Roberts, Penn's son Zack who does web design, Ted and Dixie Miller, George Wood, Bill Hubbard, Michael Eaton, Sean McGlothlin. Also Bill mentioned that there might be a matter with a license agreement to look into regarding streaming sermons.

Bill will look into organizing a task force to determine the feasibility of this.

### **Second Proposal:**

Bill noted that there is some sentiment to bring back the Community Meal that formerly was hosted on a set Wednesday each month, until about four years ago, when Nicki Seavey was not able to continue to run it and participation had dropped. Back then, we ran the UMCE van to pick up at Rocky Mountain Village and Greenridge Meadows apartments before the meal and take home after the meal. The meal would serve about 50-60 people each time. Meal preparation would begin early in the afternoon and the meal would be served from about 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Clean up would begin before the meal was over and ran to 7:00 PM or so. There was no "charge" for the meal, but a basket was put out for donations and I believe about \$50 was commonly raised.

The Community Meal was an outreach to members of the church and community at large who: sought fellowship or company; appreciated a meal because they were on fixed and tight budget; and wanted to help serve others.

There is sentiment now that with a new UMCE van shuttle, so many UMCE members over at Rocky Mountain Village and fresh recruiting there and at Greenridge Meadows, we could reinvigorate the Community Meal. Bill has spoken twice with Clyde Sacks and he quickly agreed to cook. There are people on Missions who indicated that the Missions team is supportive of starting up the Community Meal again. Bill believes there is an ongoing Missions designated fund for Community Meal that has over \$800 in it that could be used for seed money for food to get the Community Meal up and running again. **Missions and Church and Society** teams may be sources of interest and support for an new Community Meal.

There was some concern expressed about doing this every month, and it was suggested that maybe we try it for 3 months, or do it around special times of the year, maybe 4 or 5 times a year. Also, Clyde travels and while it would be wonderful if he did the cooking, there would be times he simply wouldn't be available. In the past, there were designated people who provided desserts, which helped greatly. It was noted that we would need people for food purchasing, kitchen help, set-up, and of course, clean-up. While there was support for the idea, there are the above items that would need organization. Bill will discuss further with **Missions** and **Church and Society**.

**Next meeting:** Thursday April 19, 2018 at 6:00, moved up one week due to conflicts in schedules. Carol has been advised of the change.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14, our longest meeting (to the consternation of the writer of the minutes).