

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Minutes of meeting on Thursday January 21, 2010

Present: Michael Bower, Louise Butts, Neal Cox, Sarah DeGiovanni, Gail Hall, Bill Hoffman, Pat Howland, Laura Pawlich, Dave Sageman, Val Triplets, Lynn Webster, and Barry Wilcock

We opened the meeting held in Lynn's home with a prayer led by Barry. The minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting were accepted

Louise presented the results of our informal survey for selecting "12 Leadership Expectations" for the Church Profile; later we will be getting input from the rest of our congregation on this.

Sarah reported that she had received a copy of Jonathan's "State of the Church" paper from Bob Inderbitzen. Jonathan had prepared it for the Board of Deacons during his last year as Senior Pastor. This is a confidential document, and we decided that there was no reason for all of us to see it at this time. Barry was on the Board of Deacons when it was prepared, and he and Sarah will review it for items which may be helpful for our search process.

We discussed items for "Information Table" that we can have at the church; we decided that its location would alternate weekly between Chapin Hall and the hallway next to Barbara's office. Barry showed a large display board of our process which will be part of information for the congregation. Val has started a binder which will include copies of our minutes, a general letter to the congregation, and other info as it is developed. Dave will edit the minutes from our first two meetings so that they are non confidential and can be included in the binder. Bill said he would prepare a "Question Box" if we can't find the one used by ONA.

Next we discussed having a section for the search process on the church website as well as having a private, password protected website where the committee could share info. Gail reported that Dave Hall will help us set up an information section on the RHCC website once we have the content. Dave Sageman said that he would start on this and then work with Dave Hall. Gail said that she would do some more research on setting up a private website for the committee.

Laura reviewed questionnaires available from the UCC website that we might use gather info for preparing the Church Profile. We decided that several might be useful after some modification for our church and after we knew how we would be using the data.

Val reported that she had received the following feedback from the Board for Christian Education on how we might include youth in the process:

1. Committee members attend a Chapel Service with questions for discussion.

2. Young people meet to write a statement to share with the committee.
3. Classes discuss what they feel is important about our Ministers (Barbara & Donna).
4. HS/College youth rotate and attend Search Committee Meetings (maybe with Val as a mentor).

Also, Gail said that she would ask Melody for ideas about how to involve college students, in particular, in our process.

Next we began reviewing the various sections of the profile; we got through section 26 with individuals agreeing to start on individual sections. Michael volunteered to be the editor of the profile.

Our next meeting will be at Lynn's house at 7 PM on February 4, 2010.

We closed the meeting with a prayer led by Barry

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sageman