

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Minutes of meeting on Thursday February 4, 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 21, 2010 meeting were accepted.

Michael reported that he was all set to accept input data for our church profile.

Louise reported that UCC Yearbook contains a lot of the attendance and financial data that we need for the profile. At our first meeting on November 8, Ineke had given us a copy of the page for RHCC for the period 1998 to 2008. The data for 2009 is being developed at this time.

Gail reported that she had asked Melody for suggestions for contacting and surveying young members of the church such as college students. Melody said that she would probably report to an email survey. Also, Gail reported that she had established a Google Groups site for the committee and had sent invitation emails to everyone on the committee. Val & Dave had joined already, but others asked for help. So, we agreed to demonstrate the joining process using Lynn's computer after the meeting.

Val and Pat reported that they have started drafting some sections of the profile. Dave discussed an initial outline for a Search Committee section at the RHCC website. Gail suggested that we have an email address seniorpastorsearch@rhccucc.org and agreed to ask Dave Hall to set it up with the email being forwarded to Bill Hoffman.

We reviewed the "Letter to the Congregation" that Val had prepared; we decided that it should be mailed to everyone who gets the Church Mouse. Val said that she would work with Carol on the mailing; several others volunteered to help stuff envelopes.

Bill reported that he had been asked to provide estimate for a budget for the Search Committee for the upcoming church budget. We discussed likely expenses. We decided that the largest expenses would probably be for travel – for some of us to hear candidates and for candidates to visit for interviews. However, at this time we have no feel for the amount of travel expenses; so, we decided to submit a request for a \$1000 for the 2010 – 2011 budget to highlight to the congregation that there would be some expenses for the search process.

Bill reported that he would contact the Moderator about having a meeting with the Church Council to report progress and to discuss any questions that we had for the Council.

We discussed items to include in the next Church Mouse.

Our next meeting will be at Lynn's house at 7 PM on February 18, 2010.

We closed the meeting with a prayer led by Barry

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Sageman