

III Chronicles

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First Church of Christ, Scientist

Colorado Springs, Colorado

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"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another"
Romans 12:10

Membership Meeting January 21 and Election Meeting January 28

GOOD OF THE CHURCH & COMMUNITY

It was suggested that we consider some changes to our by-laws on voting, perhaps allowing absentee voting on motions communicated in the membership call letter. Another member suggested that we could include voting through a Zoom connection to the meetings.

The Ad Hoc Building Design Committee considered putting "For Lease" signs up outside the Sunday School. Some members felt it would seem we were planning on moving.

It was observed that the current membership is insufficient to support current committees or the church building itself. An idea in consolidating committees would be to allow non-members that come to church regularly, to join committees that don't need a class-taught or Mother Church member to do the job.

We need to have another Special Meeting soon so we can move forward with our Church.

Friendship cards were sent to several members that we haven't seen in a while.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The metaphysical theme for the EB for this month is "Healing embrace for our church and community". We have prayed and worked to know that this is what is behind all the work we are doing. Some thoughts about the healing embrace for our church and community were shared.

The EB would like to thank all of you for your support, understanding and input as we continue to work together for the good of our Branch church. Here is a quick recap of what the church and EB has been doing since our last membership meeting.

The EB approved and gave "Christmas Gratitude" monetary gifts to our soloist, pianist, organist, and bookkeeper.

Our church hosted the "Prin Sing" on December 16, 2022 in the Sunday School.

The EB has been looking at ways to streamline and revise committee responsibilities and guidelines and we continue to welcome input from members. We will be sharing these changes with the membership as soon as we have completed this task. These changes, if they involve eliminating any committees, will have to be approved by the membership (Standing Rule 7).

Lecture: Our lecture was held Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Hillside Community Center. Our lecturer was Tom McElroy. Our website has an audio recording of the lecture and you will be able to access it through the member's portal throughout March.

An article written by our lecturer, Tom McElroy, stated that, "Our efforts to bring about healing in our communities also bring about wider benefits. While considering the unique niche

our local efforts fill within our community, it's natural for our prayers to be unlimited in their universal embrace of humanity."

A longtime member and dear friend, Marian English recently passed on, as did member Paula Kluth and previous member Gerry Amber.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurer reviewed the Active vs Budget YTD and the Assets & Liabilities Reports.

Thanks were given to the FAC and Counting Committees.

When turning in receipts, remember to tell from which account the money will be removed. This helps our bookkeeper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

IT Committee

Repairs were done to the Reader's microphone. If you are willing to help with the sound system during services, we would love to have you, and are very willing to show you how it works. It's really not difficult!

Maintenance

Contractors have been hired to do cleaning and snow removal. Searches for a maintenance person is underway. Several maintenance items have been addressed.

Reading Room Report

"Love one another, word of revelation; Love frees error's thrall, Love is liberation." Hymn 179

We have had many of God's ideas, visit the Reading Room during the last year. One notable day came on December 26th. The decision was

made to stay open that day even though it was a legal holiday. A lady came in visiting from Wyoming, VERY happy that we were open- She studies Christian Science, but the town where she lives has no church. She took time to see what the Reading Room has to offer and then made a purchase.

During this last year a number of church members have attended our Thursday morning and first Friday evening of the month replays of Christian Science programs. We also had a number of community members come in and ask questions on Christian Science, purchasing items, taking free literature and staying to read.

Won't you come to your Reading Room and share that love?

NEW BUSINESS

Two motions passed amending the balloting procedures in the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

ELECTION RESULTS

At our election meeting, held on January 28, 2023, Katherine Hieronymus, Diane Rose, and Betsy Mueller were elected as First Readers.

Leslie Campbell, Sue Wilson, and Marney Mallon were elected as Second Readers.

Susan Larson and Walt Hieronymus were elected to the Executive Board.

Outgoing Executive Board members are April Husak and Tracey Johnson. We thank them for their service on the board.

CALENDAR & NOTICES

Membership Meeting: April 27, 7:00 pm

The church service teleconference number is: 712-770-3697, access code: 380 442#