

FIRST CHURCH OF
CHRIST, SCIENTIST
COLORADO SPRINGS,
COLORADO

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Executive Board Summary
- Care Committee
- National Leadership Accomplishment
- Ad Hoc Report

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Membership Meeting Summary Newsletter

Executive Board Summary

- **Board Prayers**
The highlighted words to the right have been the basis of the board's prayer work since the last membership meeting.
- **Special Thank You's**
Gratitude to the congregation who have made donations of time, talents, skills, and financial contributions that help in day-to-day upkeep of the building, grounds, and Reading Room, and an anonymous \$5,000 bequest. A new computer is up and running in the office!
- **Business Matters**
Fraud with a payroll check was resolved with the help of Bank of Colorado and the police. A contract with a new company, Gravity, will make sales in the Reading Room more efficient and less costly. The External Financial Review was completed with Wells, LLC in December. All financials were found in order.
- **Work on Previous Three-Point Motion**
The motion involved metaphysical demonstration and practice, cleaning out storage areas, and exploring alternative church locations. To achieve these points, Prayer and Share meetings, group donations to Care and Share, Reading Room activities, Principia Christmas gathering, and annual lecture being planned for May are all parts of following through with "demonstration and practice of Christian Science in our community."
- **Bound Volumes and Other**
Please contact the Board if you want any bound volumes from 1944-1985, a large office desk, three end tables, three white and chrome chairs, or numerous portraits of MBE.
- **Ad Hoc Committee**
The Board conducted a survey and received 22 responses regarding staying or moving. As a result, they directed the committee to locate smaller spaces for consideration to buy or lease.
- **Motion Passed**
The Board moved to obtain an appraisal of the church property at 325 N. Cascade, and the Reading Room property at 407 N. Tejon Street. The cost not to exceed \$5,000, the monies to come from the Project Fund.

Working and praying with true motives, your Father will open the way.

*Right motives give pinions to thought and strength and freedom to speech and action.
~S&H*

*Help us to help each other
Lord...Increase our faith,
confirm our hope, perfect us
in love. ~Hymn 105*

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• Membership Changes and Volunteer Needs

Two long time members and friends have passed: Dale Brent in December and Virginia Trader in January. Volunteer needs include more Reading Room and Sunday School substitutes, and people to work with the I.T. sound system.



Winter view from the auditorium windows.

Care Committee Report

The Care Committee guidelines state that “(it) is one expression of the church’s love for its members and other students of Christian Science. Its purpose is to support the healing mission of our church by being alert and responsive to the care needs of members who would like assistance. All its activities are directed toward supporting the individual’s demonstration of Christian Science.

We should measure our love for God by our love for man; and our sense of Science will be measured by our obedience to God, —fulfilling the law of Love, doing good to all; imparting, so far as we reflect them, Truth, Life, and Love to all within the radius of our atmosphere of thought.
Mis. 12:28

The most important aspect of the work is the metaphysical approach. The committee members bear witness to the presence of God’s care. It might appear as a human activity, but it demonstrates in some degree the coincidence of the divine with the human. The basis...is established in Jesus’ commandment, “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” This committee chairman is in awe of these members who make efforts to visit individuals of this church family to share joy, laughter, and Love; to let our friends know they have value and are missed. There are also members who craft handmade cards to send to members who haven’t attended for a



while. The committee strives to be alert and responsive to care needs. Please help by informing us if you know someone who could use a little extra care.

Christian Science State Institutional Committee Summary

The state committee has over 25 members that represent 12 churches and meets quarterly by ZOOM. The current chair is Christie Hanzlick, C.S. from First Church in Boulder. It currently serves The Sterling Correctional Facility, the Denver Reception and Diagnostic Center, and the Buena Vista Correctional Complex. The committee corresponds with inmates and sends out weekly emails including articles from a C.S. periodical. Our church sends regular contributions to support this outreach. Twenty subscriptions to the Sentinel, Bible Lesson and C.S. Monitor are sent to various inmates. A springtime lecture in a facility is enabled by partnering with a branch church. The bank account maintains a balance of about \$1000. Donations are needed. If you are interested in supporting this work please contact our Board.

Member Motion Passed

In addition to the motion from the Board for a church appraisal, the following motion was also passed. “The member moves that during February and March 2024, we collect specified items for one Apartment Bin and one Hygiene Basket to donate to Lutheran Family Services’ Refugee Program.” See the bulletin board in the lobby for the specific list of items requested.

National Leadership Accomplishment

Sunday School student, Nicole Stokes, daughter of member Alisa Stokes and husband, Jim Stokes, recently completed the Discovery Bound National Leadership Council four year program for teens. This rigorous program is for Christian Science youth beginning in 8th grade and continuing into their senior year in high school. It is designed to foster spiritual growth; gain a servant-leadership approach to life through studying the Gospels, the Acts, and the life and works of Christ Jesus, Peter, and Paul; study and discuss Science and Health with their mentor; and read a biography of Mary Baker Eddy.



Melissa Foster and Nicole Stokes at Principia

In addition, students complete Bible-based lessons, participate in monthly calls with their NLC classmates; keep in close contact with their mentor; write and submit an article to the C.S. Publishing Society; read the C.S. Monitor; commit to volunteer public service hours in their community, plan and go on adventures with their fellow teens, and make lasting friendships. These young people truly experience Christian Science in action!

Through all of the work Nicole completed, she was awarded the bronze medal in the national Congressional Award Program, which was established by Congress in 1979. Teens must complete hours in the areas of personal development, physical fitness, public service, and plan and execute an adventure trip. Nicole was also recognized in a National Leadership Graduation Ceremony with her class at Principia College over MLK weekend in January. Nicole was mentored during this program by church member, Melissa Foster. Congratulations, Nicole, on your tremendous accomplishment!

Ad Hoc Committee Report

The Committee has:

- Toured the Bruce Mahnke Building next to the Reading Room. It has up to 37 parking spaces and 4 or 5 units currently leased as offices and retail spaces. Our realtor, Gary Feffer, will report on the potential rental income. It is now expected to be a cash sale.
- Toured a church off 30th and Pikes Peak and determined it was too old, too big, and in need of repairs.
- Toured 710 Village Center Drive. It is a retail building and would need substantial tenant finish to be suitable.
- Toured 3445 Parkmoor Village Dr. which is known as Heart of Worship Ministries Church. It has 6500 square feet, has 3.5 acres requiring maintenance, with over 80 parking spaces.

Recent articles in The Gazette about local churches reported that our neighbor, First Christian Church, is on the market.



I. T. Updates



This committee maintains and covers sound for services and other activities. Recent accomplishments include:

- Replaced both the Bookkeeper's and Clerk's computers with new ones.
- Cleaned out unneeded audio-visual items and equipment. Any parts kept can be used as spare parts or for special meetings.
- Will replace the Counting computer by repurposing either the Bookkeeper's or Clerk's PC soon.
- Will improve on-line security through both human steps as well as metaphysical ones.

We currently maintain the sound equipment to keep it functional. Only 2 out of 4 mics are working. There are other sound system improvements and upgrades that could be done to improve the quality and reliability of the system which we are holding on until the membership decides where we will meet, long-term.

We are still looking for additional committee members to help with running sound for the services. We would love to have you and are very willing to show you how it works. It's really not difficult!

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reviewed the Quarterly Assets and Liabilities, and the Income and Expense Budget vs Actual YTD. One \$3K transfer from investments was made to cover expenses in early December. During the 2023 calendar year the investments increased overall about 9%. Although funds were transferred out during the calendar year to support operations, the bottom line for our investments at the end of the calendar year shows an increase. The new credit card processing system in the Reading Room should be ready soon, offering a fairer cost to the church. Final agreements with the bank to use direct funds transfer from our new bank account to our musicians, readers, employees and some maintenance contractors should be ready soon. This precaution may prevent theft or fraud and also save office expense in preparing and mailing checks. The affected personnel will be notified.



Care and Share food donations from November and December totaled about 200 pounds!

Calendar Reminders

Election Meeting rescheduled for Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m., church auditorium

Wide Horizon Presentation—Sunday, March 17, 11:30 a.m., church auditorium

Lecture by Nate Frederick—Saturday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. Penrose Library

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Other Christian Science Resources

Adventure Unlimited ~ Albert Baker Fund ~ Daystar ~ Discovery Bound ~ The National Fund for Christian Science Nursing ~ The Principle Foundation