

FIRST CHURCH OF  
CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
COLORADO SPRINGS,  
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**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

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# III Chronicles, October 2023

## Membership Meeting Summary Newsletter

### Executive Board Summary

- **Prayer and Share**  
These strictly metaphysical sharing meetings take place in the Reading Room. The first was held September 9, and the second is scheduled for November 18 at 1:00 p.m. The topics will be issues from Monitor articles that relate to issues in Colorado Springs to encourage prayerful practice in our community and the world.
- **Special Membership Meeting, August 17**  
A motion was adopted to first, prayerfully consider our practice and demonstration of Christian Science in the community; second, clear out closets and basements of the church and Reading Room of unnecessary documents, unused, outdated, and broken equipment; and third to direct the Ad Hoc Committee to locate other appropriate properties and solutions. A follow-up meeting will be February 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The Board is investigating financial assistance for major projects from the will of Mary Baker Eddy.
- **Members**  
Our dear friend **Bob Reiman** passed on. We welcomed four new members this quarter: **Linda Leitz, Lori Gray, and Ali and Ric McKown**. Friendship cards were sent to those who have not attended in a long time.
- **Lobby Posters**  
There are three posters being rotated which are intended to give us pause to think about the true value of church and ourselves in our community. Take a moment to read and reflect.
- **Clean-up and Organization**  
Committees are sorting through closets and offices. Photographs of old furnishings like desks and chairs, bound volumes, posters, and prints are on a poster in the lobby. Notify **April Husak or Lynn Wilson** if you are interested in having any of these by the end of November, or else they will be donated to an appropriate non-profit organization.
- **College Organizations**  
According to TMC, branch churches no longer oversee college orgs. Research is underway as to the appropriate dispensation of our restricted funds for them.

*Obedience is the offspring of Love; and Love is the Principle of unity, the basis of all right thinking and acting; it fulfills the law. We see eye to eye and know as we are known, reciprocate kindness and work wisely, in proportion as we love.*

Miscellaneous Writings,  
"Obedience"

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# Executive Board Summary *continued from page 1*

- **Reading Room Holiday Open House**  
On Sunday, December 3 from 11:15-1:00 you may enjoy treats, see new merchandise, and find some discounts.
- **Maintenance**  
Several maintenance tasks were completed in the past three months, most noticeably the Sunday School steps are now safe.
- **Joint Outreach Committee**  
The Committee voted to merge with the Denver Metro Reading Room and the new name is Christian Science Colorado. The website is [christiansciencolorado.org](http://christiansciencolorado.org).



*Autumn view from the auditorium windows.*

**LOST AND FOUND** If anyone knows the whereabouts of the Bose Bluetooth speaker that was charging on the stage in the Sunday School, please let us know. Also, two Allen wrench keys are missing from the Sunday School. Please return to an Usher. Thank you!

## Metaphysical Report

This last quarter our committee has supported the Executive Board's monthly metaphysical topics:

- Progress is the law of God.
- Mind is perpetual motion.
- Everlasting arms of Love, Are beneath, around, above; God it is who bears us on, His the arm we lean upon. (Hymn number 53.)

The committee is metaphysically supporting the three action items of the motion made at the August 17th Special Membership meeting and listed in the August 24th letter to the membership. We are grateful to be able to support our branch church in these healing activities.



## Reading Room Updates

The Board voted at their last executive meeting to stop accepting credit cards at the Reading Room as of January 1, 2024. The librarian is looking into less expensive means of credit card services. The cost has gone up to \$4 per \$1 dollar of a transaction.

## Calling and Membership Reports

Calling Committee members reviewed the past committee year guidelines and have submitted them to the executive Board for approval. They look forward to being in touch with you with reminder calls for meetings!

The Membership Committee held its organizational/metaphysical meeting in July. They reviewed the guidelines and have submitted them for approval. They are grateful for your loving support of church!

## Treasurer and Financial Advisory Committee Reports

The Treasurer reviewed the Quarterly Assets and Liabilities, and the Profit and Loss YTD. Church committees needing an unplanned expenditure, unless already identified within a line item in the budget, should send a short email to their Board contact with the reason and specifics for approval before purchasing. To avoid paying sales tax, all supply expenditures can be purchased with the R.R. librarian's, clerk's, or maintenance debit card, which identifies our church as tax exempt.

The past fiscal year actual expenses and the new 2023-24 Budget were presented on the five year trend spreadsheet. Transfers of investment funds to cover monthly deficits were explained. Continual use of investment funds to supplement monthly income can impact the long term sustainability of our investments.

The Financial Advisory Committee meets several times annually to prepare the annual budget, to review insurance coverage, processes used by the bookkeeper, specific expenses, and other concerns the Executive Board may ask them to explore. Members from both the FAC and the Board also met together this summer with investment advisors to look at the strategy to meet our long term needs.

It is advantageous to have church members become familiar with the financial aspects in respect to our demonstration of divine Principle, purpose and supply. We welcome new members to the committee and we also accept any email concerns the members may wish to send to our Clerk or Treasurer.

## Good of the Church and Motions Adopted

- The church website has current by-laws posted in the members portal.
- It was suggested to read the Sermon on the Mount in the Reading Room when the Bible Lesson is on Christ Jesus.
- Some ways of sharing C.S. in the community might be sharing in interfaith groups, homeless outreach, collections of food or clothing at Christmas time to give to non-profits.
- A motion from the Board passed to rescind Standing Rule 5 Meetings (Bylaws Article VIII) Section G. Polls and replaced with wording to allow polls to be conducted by electronic means with certain restrictions. (See the updated specific bylaw wording on the website.)
- A motion passed to collect nonperishable food items for Care and Share through December. Logistics to be arranged by the Board.

## Sunday School Happenings

Thanks to a Castle Rock grandma, we have three students who come regularly. We have one or two moving up from the Children's Room and we have had additional students enrolled because of people moving to Colorado Springs for Space Force and Space Command.

In addition, we have been encouraging parents who are Principia graduates and have recently moved here to bring their kids to Sunday School. On October 15 the staff had an organizational meeting before Sunday School, and after Sunday School a teacher hosted a party for parents and students at her home. On January 7, 2024 a "best practices" sharing of teaching ideas with the teachers and substitutes will follow Sunday School.

## Usher Committee

Gratitude was expressed for everyone who ushers into our church “the hearers and doers of God’s Word.” (Mary Baker Eddy, My, p. 352) In September they met to revisit usher responsibilities and updated the guidelines accordingly. They are posted in the Usher’s Room where the opening and closing procedures are also posted. In the winter months, some members leave the Colorado Springs area for an extended period, beginning in December through April. Please give ushering serious consideration. New member **Lori Gray** has offered to serve as a much needed Head Usher.

*Ushering in a Christian Science church is a holy experience, for it is an activity in which the qualities of God, divine Love, are made manifest.*

Christian Science Sentinel,  
March 14, 1953

## Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee toured the building at 409 N. Tejon next to the Reading Room. Members have been interested in the building due to the proximity to the Reading Room. Real estate agent, Gary Feffer, will meet with the owner to determine a price for it. It has a basement and two floors above it, 37 parking spots, two small restrooms, and appears to have enough space though it is chopped up and has a minimum of windows for natural light. The staircase is in the middle of the building and takes up considerable square footage. Space for the grand piano could be a challenge. The heating plant was old, inefficient and would have to be updated. Gary will let us know what the rent roll is because we could retain a few tenants. The committee also toured a church off 30th and Pikes Peak, but it was older than our original building. It has lots of space and is fairly open. Members of the First Christian Church have voted to leave that space. Linda Weise of Colorado Springs Community Cultural Center is working to obtain the property.

## Calendar Notes

- Prayer and Share—Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Reading Room
- Reading Room Holiday Open House—Sunday, December 3, 2023, 11:15-1:00
  - ◊ Replay Days, Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. inspirational videos
- Principia Christmas Sing—Monday, December 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Sunday School
- Membership Meeting—Saturday, January 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the church
- Election meeting—Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the church
- Church meeting regarding move—Saturday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. place TBA
- Lecture by Nate Frederick—May 18, place and time TBA



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