

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Chico  
Fall Membership Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 12, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Established quorum
3. The members sang hymn 382, accompanied by Kathy Scheeline at the keyboard.
4. Readings by Board President, Carol Raner
5. Silent Prayer was followed by the Daily Prayer
6. Carol read ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1 "A Rule for Motives and Acts" from the Manual of The Mother Church.
  
7. Items to be accepted and approved
  - a. Agenda- approved
  - b. Minutes of March 14, 2022 Business Meeting- approved
  - c. Treasurers' Report- accepted
  
8. Board Report
  - a. Carol welcomed our newest church member, Jill Crawford, who is a past member and has recently moved back to Chico.
  - b. Carol shared church expenses and donations since March, 2022
    - i) A \$125 gift card, purchased with cash donations, was given to Melanie Norris-Elvis and her husband, congratulating their marriage.
    - ii) Ben Cleveland cleaned up the downed tree limb that was blocking one of the exits from the church parking lot. He was given a thank-you card and \$300 in cash donations from the membership for his generous efforts to help our church.
    - iii) \$100 was given to Cory (RR Librarian) for Reading Room costs
    - iv) This year's annual community donation in the amount of \$500 (undesignated donation) will be sent to the Torres Shelter.
    - v) In August, White Glove Cleaning Service did a 14-hour deep cleaning for the church, at a cost of \$399, and a 6-hour deep cleaning in the Reading Room, at a cost of \$168.
    - vi) Due to a misplaced church entry key by our janitorial service, all five door locks were re-keyed and 25 new keys made, at a cost of \$291.76. We were reimbursed by American Janitorial for the expense.
  - c. Earlier this year we received an estimate of \$700 to replace the church entry porchlight. The work has been postponed until Fall since there is still daylight for evening meetings. This will be on an upcoming Board meeting agenda.
  - d. The Board has asked the Grounds Committee to obtain bids for trimming our trees, which haven't been serviced for 5 years.

- e. Tawny Cleveland is the new House Committee Chair. She will be meeting with All Around Heating, Air and Solar to arrange a bi-annual HVAC maintenance agreement and to sign a contract.
- f. Carol announced that we have a new cleaning service company, White Glove.
- g. The House and Ground committee's Purpose and Procedures will be updated to include that any new contracts or service agreements will be by signed contract, a copy of which will be kept on file in the Clerk's office.

#### 9. Committee Reports

- a. Sunday School- Jack reported that he received an email from The Mother Church concerning new California child protection laws that went into effect in January 2022. There are procedures that need to be followed, including fingerprint requirements and anyone having at least 32 hours of contact with children will receive special training. Online courses will be available. Jack is not aware of a deadline but stressed the need to move forward with complying. We should be hearing from our insurance company asking if we have implemented these new procedures.
- b. Lecture Committee- Tawny announced our lecture and potluck date for Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Reading Room- Carol shared information about the cross and crown stained-glass window that was donated to us by the Tracy family, who were members of the Paradise branch church. There was some discussion about where to display it in our church.

#### 10. Unfinished Business

- a. none

#### 11. New Business

- a. A Membership vote is needed to approve a contract with White Glove Cleaning Service to clean the church and RR every 2 weeks. Susan Domenighini talked about why we settled on them. They are a professional company which is formal, licensed, insured, and bonded. They began with a deep cleaning in the church and RR. The monthly cleaning rate is \$300/month for the church and \$160/month for the Reading Room. Janice moved to accept, Jack seconded, all in favor.
- b. The membership discussed Board members acting as liaisons for specifically assigned areas of church work. Susan D. gave an overview of liaisons and reasons that the Board members are considering acting as liaisons. She shared that liaisons will help protect our volunteers on committee work. Instead of repeated reports of a problem by multiple people the concern would go directly to the Board to be addressed. Liaisons help filter the committee chairs. She asked that problems be reported to the Board.
- c. Susan asked that each committee chair review and edit their committee Purpose and Procedures by November and to reach out to the Board with comments and suggestions.
- d. The question "what exactly does ordinary and usual use of a church" mean? Referring to the Executive Board Purpose and Procedures, under *Property of*

*Church*, page 3. Do they include weddings, as some other churches do? Jim shared that when he was on the previous Board, he learned there would be a conflict with our insurance policy because of potential liability issues. Nancy said that a waiver had to be signed when Nicole filmed in the church for a class project. Jill shared that an insurance rider might be obtained. It was decided to address this on a case-by-case basis. The Clerk will research old meeting minutes that have already addressed this.

- e. Carol shared a letter from a member stating that she misses those who attend church infrequently, or have stopped attending altogether. She shared an August 15th Sentinel article by Robin Hoagland and read a letter from a member stating that she misses those who have stopped attending church services. Joan shared how she came to join church. Susan S. also shared some thoughts.
- f. Joan McCormick gave a report on the many arms of The Principle Foundation. There are 3 main areas of grants that practicing CS can request: general, CS nursing, and institutional. There are 2 practical resources: Caring for Christian Scientists and the Riper Years website. Along with these she shared other avenues that Christian Scientists are giving loving support to each other. Carol shared that the Julian Alco Story, presented by the Institutional Committee will be shown on October 23rd.
- g. Tawny reminded us of the Lecture Prep meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and of the lecture and potluck on September 18<sup>th</sup> after church.

Next meeting: March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm

The meeting adjourned with the 6<sup>th</sup> Tenet at 6:52 pm.