

Boulder Mennonite Church Council Meeting

October 2024, 5pm

In attendance: Pastor Randy, Bruce Fast, Toni Diaz Bachus, Ezra Tice, Paul Classen, Bruce Wheeler, Barry Janzen, Berit Jany

1. Opening meditation (Barry)

-focus on how to deal with political responsibility as a Christian

2. Budget Update (Bruce F.)

-the church is behind in offerings which is a normal trend this time of year

-revisions of the simplified I/E report are planned to better classify expenses

-organization of the auction: Bruce F. to create the donations website, Barry to look for an auctioneer

-auction to take place on Nov 17, debate on whether to schedule it for a different Sunday due to Mountain States pastors' retreat that weekend and some congregants being absent on Nov 17 (Randy would be okay to miss the retreat for the sake of being present at the auction Sunday)

-discussion on whether to continue paying \$67/month as placeholder fee for pastor Corinthian Health Services (Randy has found a cheaper health insurance); council suggests continuing to pay the fee as it supports health insurance for low-income pastors

3. Pastor Update (Randy)

-preparations for All Souls Sunday

-discussion of putting up a sign "church open for prayer" the day after the election

-deacons to organize a phone tree to offer comfort after the election (depending on the outcome)

4. Saavedra Update (Bruce F.)

-Yorger passed the DMV written test and is to take the driving test on Monday

-Bruce continues to babysit Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm

-Randy suggests asking the congregation to invite the family for the Thanksgiving dinner

(continued)

5. Additional Items

- Karl is looking into keyless lock options for one of the church's doors

-Bruce W. is grateful for the Apache Stronghold v. United States case to possibly be taken to the Supreme Court

-Paul shares information about Habitat for Humanity's plan (together with the City of Boulder and the Boulder Valley School District) to build a factory to produce affordable housing in Boulder, the open house for the factory having taken place this week and Kurt Firnhaber was honored for his vision and leadership of this project

6. Closing Prayer (Randy)

Next council meeting to take place: tba by Barry