

Church Council meeting, 14 November 2024

Boulder Mennonite Church

Present: Ezra Tice, Bruce Fast, Becky Neumann, Randy Spaulding, Ivanna Johnson

Update on the Saavedra family: They've begun to pay their phone bills, and are looking forward to being in their own place. CHAN will fund the first two months of their rent, plus their deposit, Carole is contacting Boulder Housing helper, to look into the possibility of them staying in Boulder. Yoger received his drivers license last night. They are steadily learning English. The car is now officially theirs new, they have the plates and new registration. Everyone has pitched in to help them. Ezra is now off the hook for driving them, as is Bruce. There is a dining set, for whenever they move into their own place, that is available to them consisting of a dining table with six chairs and four bar stools.

Reminder that our finances are behind and we would be happy if folks upped their giving. There has been an announcement in the bulletin regarding this.

Auction/birthdate update: We're up to 20 auction items, the list is steadily growing. Pastor Randy has reached out to several founding members of BMC, as well as former pastors of BMC about the church's birthday celebration. Pastor Randy wants to make it a festive time. To that end, Marilyn Miller and Karen Cox will be coming to worship for our 40th anniversary. He has reached out to former pastors, Steve Goering Rick King, to see if they are able and willing to come help celebrate, or send a video message to be played.

A request came in from Steve Voran to purchase external speakers for the deck. This will likely cost a few hundred dollars. Pastor Randy thinks it would be a good thing to do for whenever we have events out there.

We will give Steve the green light for waterproof, outdoor speakers.

Some of the benches outside and started to warp and and could be potentially dangerous. Karl has spoken to Karen about it.

Karl looked into having an electronic door put in. The cost came in at \$2800. It would be have to be a whole a new door, they are unable to just put a new keypad on it. An alternative is to get a new key box, the one we have now is tiny, and difficult for some folks to use, we should be able to get something fairly bigger.

Do we need to move it to the other door, (the door adjacent to the deck) to make it more accessible for people with mobility issues. We would have to get the door rekeyed because the key is long gone.

Deacons: Reporting that they are helping people - helped Lisa with her last surgery, Elvira is hearing music in her ears, elves or something, so she is going to have to get her hearing aids adjusted. There are matching funds from Everence, so they are going to help folks in the congregation out during the Christmas season.

PCRC - There is nothing new to report

We are going through the King Sooper gift cards at a faster clip than normal - just an observation by Ivanna

Rentals are down, as are inquiries for rentals, another observation by Ivanna.