

BMC Church Council Minutes

DATE 2/13/25

IN ATTENDANCE

Randy Spaulding, Barry Janzen, Paul Classen, Ezra Tice, Susan Graber, Bruce Fast

Barry started with a reflection on the story of Susannah/Daniel from the Apocrypha. He used AI to find some basic info on early Anabaptist martyrs! They sometimes referred to this story. He also enjoyed using the Anabaptist Community Bible.

REPORTS

Treasurer:

Bruce sent out the budget documents. Offerings are significantly lagging. We do have some collected money that is in passthrough, as it was given in a lump sum, and Bruce will apply it going forward. **Randy**: Put announcement into bulletin.

Outward ministries have not all been paid out for this year—some expenses are related to our support for our Venezuelan and Tanzanian immigrants. Those amounts should not be part of outward ministries.

Susan is donating \$3,000 to the Tanzanian family for their asylum application (please keep source confidential, thanks). She will donate the money to the church, and the church will pay out that money to Barry Bartel for him to process their asylum application. **Susan** will get the information to Bruce to pay out.

Pastor:

Randy is recovering. His sutured area is getting less sensitive. He is tapering off his pain medication and won't know if the surgery helped with the pain for a few weeks yet. Fingers crossed!

Saavedras and ICE, immigration issues:

- Greeter and user training on 2/23, and he will talk with them about considerations with the new political reality.
- We may designate public and private spaces in our building, and ICE would have to specific warrants to enter the private spaces. It's sort of complicated, but we should look into it.
- Should we lock our doors during worship? Need to balance precautions and not causing further anxiety.
- **Randy** will do some further work on what we need to educate our congregation on. Barry feels with our congregation, it would make sense to speak openly about it. BASIC is going to put together some training that we can offer here. We're already stressed, so more information is probably helpful.
- Do we have legal counsel to contact? Probably we should contact CHAN. **Bruce** will check with them for the number and what services they have.
- Boulder police say that they won't participate in actions with ICE. Currently, there is a state law that separates the actions of the feds and local police, but there is now a proposal from Republicans to change that.

- Might also be good to contact the press if there are any incidents.
- **REMINDER: Do not post, especially in FB, that we are providing sanctuary to a Venezuelan family!**
- Randy signed on to the MC USA legal case for us,. But remaining anonymous.
- Ingrid is living in fear right now and is not leaving her house much. BASIC is encouraging congregations to help with her groceries for one month per year. King Soopers cards would be welcome. Randy told them we would consider doing April.
- Bruce is helping Emmanuel with math, which is challenging as he is quite behind.
- We made copies of the Saavedras important documents. They would only give out copies if needed.
- Bruce and Carole are working to do the paperwork so that they and Randy could pick up the children from school if needed.
- Jorger has a written truck driving test next week (in Spanish). Classroom component starts with English training, then truck driving. Villimar continues to work at CU—still on probation.
- Jorger delivers and picks up the girls from school. Once his training starts, they may need help with that. Immanuel watches the girls on Tues and Thurs evenings when the parents go for English classes.

Barry

- Thanks to Ezra for filling in on preaching when Randy was out!
- We need to get the traveling college choirs to stop here! Lure them with good coffee or biking opportunities. . . .

Deacons

- Are looking for a service learning project and are open to ideas.

PCRC

- Paul McKay has joined the PCRC.

Admin

- We presume that Ivanna will be back in April. Susan will be travelling and not available to help again until March 12. Cheri and Jen will continue to help out.

Misc

- Curt and Cindy had a guest opinion in the Boulder paper per USAID funding. **Paul** will bring a copy to post on the bulletin board.
- Work is beginning on MSMC Assembly and there are some exciting plans! Susan may help with worship.

Randy closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs, 3/13, 5:00, BMC/Zoom