

Bluegrass UCC Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2024 @ 11:30am

Timmy Smallwood called the meeting to order and then gave an opening prayer. A count of members present was taken. 23 members were needed for a quorum. There were 33 members present and 5 members on line so we had enough for a quorum and could proceed with the meeting.

Dale Hamilton presented the 2024-2025 operating budget. It is similar to the 2023 operating budget with the addition of a salary added for the nursery staff and Caring for the Kids was added to the church budget as opposed to coming out of a different account. There were no questions or discussion concerning the new budget.

Timmy Smallwood explained the roles of each council member and then told who were the proposed candidates for the council. The proposed candidates are as follows:

Moderator - Lorie Yaste-Zaijeck

Vice moderator - Chris Cook

Secretary - Marsha Johnson

Treasurer - Marshall Dale Hamilton

Outreach - Stephen Elder

Trustee representative - Seth Tuska

Elder representative - Deb Core

Members were given a paper ballot to cast their vote and online members could vote online. The vote was unanimous to approve the proposed council members

Lorie Yaste-Zaijeck gave an update on the Green Team. A variety of thirty trees have been planted and 1,000 bulbs. Berries bushes and a grape arbor have been added. A zero turn mowers was purchased. A water feature has been added. Ground cover has been planted and mulch has been added to the Labyrinth. There is a pollinator garden area to attract butterflies and bees.

Future plans:

- Plant a tea and herb garden

- Plant a gratitude tree in the labyrinth

- Restripe the parking lot

- Get educational signage to put in the different areas

Help needed

- Start seeds in seed trays

- More cardboard is needed

- Work days will be April 6th and 13th

- Let Lorie know if you would like to help

Timmy Smallwood gave a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.