

Council Meeting Minutes from March 20th, 2022

ATTENDEES: Ed Juhl, Pastor Mark, Marion Grover, Bill Gutknecht, Chris McCulley, and Stacy Lee

Ed called the meeting to order approximately 10:50 am

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. Marion expressed thanks to Ed for his message of positive direction and enthusiasm at the Special Meeting.

A. AGENDA

- The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Bill moved to approve the agenda. Marion seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Council read over minutes from February 20th, 2022. Approved.
- Financial Reports (Chris): balance ending 2/28/22, \$36,926.82 Discussion included noting the Sanitation bill is correct, reimbursed mileage has been rectified.
- Worship & Parish Life Committee (Bill): not meeting yet due to priority of call committee.
- Education Committee (Marion): Cindy & Molly work well together and will contact parents for input about dates & times for VBS. The Easter Breakfast is on.
- Finance Committee (Ed): Several documents were presented at the Special Meeting for support of the Budget as of this date. Strategy to maintain includes working together with positive outlook but no guarantees. Please refer to minutes of Special Meeting, 3/20/2022. Stacy sent a thank you to Ed & Gayle for their extreme benevolence of forgiving the loan.
- Pastor's Report (Mark): presented in person worship attendance numbers for the month, 4 in-person visits with 2 receiving communion. Mark comments that numbers are coming back to pre-Covid. 1) Sanctuary camera is installed for more professional FB recording; orientation for system will be held March 27; Mark will reach out to members who might serve in this role. New laptop was purchased from Staples for approx. \$990. Includes anti-virus. Memorial money to be used for payment. 2) Wednesdays in Lent include pre-meal and service. Maunday Thursday service, April 13. Easter breakfast, April 17. 3) Blessings of the Seeds & Soil set for April 10th; Bill will organize equipment & seeds. 4) Mark will compile list of tasks that need to be carried out when he leaves. He has provided Wi-Fi for FB services; Ed will take over until new minister or interim can plan. 5) New member transfer, Samantha Meier, Pastor moved for acceptance, Bill seconded, passed, will be recognized on Palm Sunday, April 10th. 6) Baptism of Brynlee VanHemert set for Easter Sunday. Other discussion included encouraging Pastor's involvement with the monthly Hudson Pastors meetings, renewing our use of ushers, readers, offering baskets, and sharing of the peace. Marion will reach out to members to get these started.
- Missions Committee (Stacy): after phone calls for action in February the committee met on-line and chose 9 different entities to receive \$1000. each to catch-up for 2021. Chris reports that checks were sent. Stacy will give a temple talk in April to share this update. Stacy asked for clarification of her role. She is the liaison from the Missions group to and from the council. Missions group has directive to choose the entities for receiving funds.
- Building & Grounds Committee (Ed): Gary Dufel will gather list of members for maintenance works. Projects noted: front siding and window repair, broken window repair, shutters to replace on parsonage, rocks on lawn to be brushed back, native grass & wildflowers to be burned off (Ed will talk to Larry Green). Electrical circuit board on the organ was repaired by Ronnie & Rodney Degner and Bill. Stacy sent thank yous. Marion made a motion to have church grounds spruced-up, Chris seconded. Approved. Marion will contact Ben Woomer for input.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Missions spending - has been taken care of for last year. Committee will meet in April to plan continued giving.
2. Video equipment status – new system and new laptop work complete. See Pastor’s report.
3. Call Committee report – Bill & Marion did excellent job presenting and explaining at the Special Meeting. There is lots of enthusiasm moving forward. Ed thanked them for the speed of getting this going.

Severance package needs to be included in the planning. The committee will elect officers, giving them more ownership of the process.

4. Suspension of Budget – revised budget was passed. Questions to answer now include – how to set the new minister salary and determine value of using the parsonage. Guidance from knowledgeable sources is needed. The hope/expectation is to have a finance package developed by mid-April.
5. Formal Approval of County’s request for Zion facilities as a polling place – Primary in the Narthex, Tuesday, June 7th, 2022 – General, in the fall, includes the old basement. Stacy made a motion to allow the county to use facilities, Bill seconded. Passed. Stacy & Marion discussed gathering a group to freshen-up those areas to make a good impression on voters/visitors.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council approves names for committee liaisons and call committee.
2. Council approves Bill Gutknecht and Marion Grover as council liaisons to the call committee with voting rights.
3. Status of Sunday ushers, readers, and treat schedule – taken care of during Pastor’s report.
4. Easter Schedule – Maunday Thursday, 6:30 pm, no Good Friday service, Sunday, April 17th, 2022, 8:00 am breakfast [plan for 75], 9:00 service.
5. Approval of the waiver to the by-laws for call committee numbers to not be limited to 7 and be able to include non-member liaisons. Bill made a motion for this waiver and Marion seconded. Passed.
6. Parking lot bumpers – Chris has them on a trailer and will ask volunteers to help reinstall them.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Sunday, April 24th, 2022

F. ADJOURNMENT:

* Stacy moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. Motion carried.

* The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Lee, temporary Recording Secretary