

Present: Alex Littlefield, Charlie Radabaugh, Sheilia McLaughlin, Jonathan Kniss, Joe Hamell, Charlie Thomas, Lori Revely, Alan Melrose

Staff: Pastor Chuck Harris, Pastor Eric Wooldridge, Traci Vatne

Excused: Christie Gillette, Barry Brenan, Anne Baunach, Cathy Hawkins

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order & Introductions:** President Jonathan Kniss called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- **Opening Devotion & Prayer:** Charlie Thomas shared a devotion and led the group in prayer.
- **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Harris/Melrose. Motion passes.
- **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to adopt the minutes as written. Melrose/Wooldridge. Motion passes.
- **Correspondence** – no correspondence

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **Council Engagement with Mission Portfolio** – Just to update the Council on Mission 2.0. How do we get the congregation to spend some time with the verse (Micah 6:8b). Pastor Arden Barden is willing to write a curriculum around the verse. Kelly Mullin is going to be gathering the small group leaders to have small groups start working on the question “How do we live out our signature verse”. See attached spreadsheet for more Mission Portfolio information. Some new small groups starting up. Council to review the list of items that didn’t make it into 2017 to see what we can bring it forward to 2018. Alan suggested that every part of the church should have the direction of always working toward some part of the signature verse, look for music that fits into the Mission. Connect all groups with the mission. 2 questions to have answers for at the next meeting. 1. How can the council own driving our mission goal into 2018? 2. What one group could you as a council member connect with and coach in 2018 and encourage, lift up our vision and mission?

Implement Our Mission & Ministry

- **Acceptance of Church Treasurer Resignation** – She will not be leaving council, but for personal reasons must step down as council treasurer. The treasurer does not need to be a member of council. We will not be replacing Anne on the executive team. Motion to accept Anne’s resignation. McLaughlin/Melrose motion passes
- **Appointment of Ross Chamberlain as interim Treasurer** – Motion to accept Ross Chamberlain as interim Treasurer Melrose/Hamell motion passes
- **Amber Janitorial Contract Modification** – Motion to \$173 to the cost of our janitorial service for the remainder the year. McLaughlin/Littlefield motion passes

Snacks

The group enjoyed snacks provided by Sheilia McLaughlin

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah:**
 - Traci – Sarah is going to be talking about her time with YAGM and time in South Africa Sunday at 5:30, pot luck and then she talks at 6pm
 - Chuck – lots happening between next week and the November 15th. Several guest coming to celebrate the Anniversary. Midweek starts. Kirsten in prayers she takes off for foreign lands.
 - Alex – Pray for everyone involved in the Mexico earthquake. New journal opened to October and it’s Micah 6:8
 - Charlie R – Faithwalk starts Wednesday. Dinner at 6pm, small group from 6:30pm to 7:40pm
- **Presidents Report** –
 - Janine has left and Mary Berglund is serving until early January. Position is listed and we have done one interview and have 8 resumes to review.

- Down payment made for the organ.
- God Bless the Rat – Insurance company sent us a check for \$57,257.65 for the water damage in the furnace room and organ loft. Get estimates to repair the damage. Council to turn in things that they would like to see done. Find estimates to do repairs.
- **Pastor's Report:**
 - See in council packet.
 - At the retreat Council agreed to lead some adult ed classes. Kelly has given us a sign up sheet.
- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - **July and August** – 94% of budget. \$4000 behind on Congregational Challenge
 - Increase of rentals is nice
 - Giving down \$7000 for August.
 - See reports in council packet
 - Motion to accept Treasurers report as presented McLaughlin/Radabaugh

Sending

- **Review of Assignment and Tasks:**
 - 2 questions to have answers for at the next meeting.
 1. How can the council own driving our mission goal into 2018?
 2. What one group could you as a council member connect with and coach in 2018 and encourage, lift up our vision and mission?
 - Council to turn in what they would like to see happen with any money left over from the insurance check.
 - Consider which adult ed class we will be teaching.
- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm McLaughlin/Littlefield. Motion passed.
 - Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheilia McLaughlin
 Council Secretary