

# Council Minutes

## March 18, 2021

**Present:** Anne Baunach, Jonathan Baunach, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Rev Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Josh Luebke, Mike McLaughlin, Janene Nelson, Savannah Phelan, and Charlie Radabaugh

**Absent:** Sandi Wollum

### Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**  
Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- **Devotions**  
Charlie shared a devotion on Psalm 27.
- **Adoption of Agenda**  
Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Luebke / McLaughlin) Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2021**  
Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Nelson / Luebke) Motion passed.
- **Financial Report**  
Janene gave an update on financials. We had a strong February. Receipts were more than expenses. The income made up for the loss in January. We ended the month ahead by \$475. All rent was paid by our tenants. The council thanked the staff for controlling expenses and keeping them low. We continue to see low dollars for community assistance (side aisle giving). 70% of that giving go to the Food Bank. Motion to approve the financial report. (J. Baunach / McLaughlin) Motion passed.

### Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Worship Service**  
Information was shared about a potential return to worship plan. The council reviewed the document and shared feedback. A desire was shared that we prioritize those who cannot participate online for worship. It was suggested that we check in with the Care Team to identify who those individuals are. The group also talked about the possibility of two services if we find that there are more than 60 people that want to worship in person. It was suggested that we survey the congregation again on who is able to access online worship as well as how many may want to participate in person. However, the last time that was tried, we did not get good participation. During the in-person worship services, the preacher and all singers will have to be masked. Motion to adopt the timeline as presented. (Harris / McLaughlin) Motion passed unanimously.
- **Fill Council Vacancy**  
Charlie shared that Dan Ferguson has expressed interest in the vacancy on council. Motion to appoint Dan Ferguson to council. (A Baunach / Nelson) Motion carried.
- **Stewardship for All Seasons**  
The stewardship program that we did last fall was a mini version of Stewardship for All Seasons. It was sponsored by the synod and run by GSB Consulting. They also offer Stewardship for All Seasons which is a two-year program. The cost for the two-year program is \$3,250/year. We would be working with a cohort of other congregations. (If we did one-to-one consulting for a year, it would be \$9,000 - \$10,000.)

Motion that the council seek funding from the Messiah Endowment to seek funding for Stewardship for All Seasons. (Harris / Nelson) Motion passed unanimously.

## **Accountability**

- **For the Good of Messiah**
  - Charlie shared that the Memorials Committee has been very busy working. They are creating a Memorials Fund request form.
  - Pastor Chuck shared that Irene Gordon left a very generous gift to Messiah in her estate. Thanksgiving was shared for Jay and Irene and all their support of the church.
  - Charlie thanked Chuck for the wonderful note about Savannah's amazing work. We are designating the last Sunday in May to celebrate Savannah.
  - Savannah shared that she was accepted for a Clinical Pastoral Internship program for the summer. She will be working at St. Joseph's hospital as a pastoral intern this summer.
  - Dave did some testing on using Zoom for watching the service. He found it did not work very well. Dave recommended that we run a couple of test cases for a coffee hour after worship. He felt that would work much better. Dave is going to try it on Easter.
  - Jonathan shared that the Transition Team has completed surveying and analyzing the data. They are currently working on the MSP form.
  - Mike shared that Hannah will be a counselor at FLBC this year.
  
- **Pastors' Reports**
  - Pastor Susan submitted a written report.

## **Sending**

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
  - Information about in-person worship will begin to be shared with the congregation.
  - Charlie will follow up with Dan Ferguson to let him know that he is now a council member.
  - Charlie will be sending out a council corner list. Anne will be on for next week.
  
- **Adjournment**
  - Motion to adjourn the meeting. (A Baunach / Luebke). Motion carried.
  
- **Lord's Prayer**
  - Charlie led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Baunach  
Council Secretary