

Council Minutes

December 16, 2021

Present: Anne Baunach, Dan Fergueson, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Rev Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Josh Luebke, Janene Nelson, and Charlie Radabaugh

Absent: Jonathan Baunach, Mike McLaughlin and Sandi Wollum

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

- **Book Study**

Anne led the by covering and leading a discussion on Chapter 3 of How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going – Leading in a Liminal Season by Susan Beaumont.

- **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Luebke / Nelson) Motion passed.

- **Approval of Minutes: November 18, 2021**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Harris / Fergueson). Motion passed.

- **Approval of Minutes of Special Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented (Fergueson / Nelson). Motion passed.

- **Financial Report**

Janene gave an update on November financials. Total income was \$72,164 and disbursements of \$45,737 leaving a difference of \$26,427. This is partially impacted by members of the congregation who make a single payment of their tithe late in the year. We also received leasers who paid both November and December rent. Our year-to-date numbers still show a positive balance of \$42,862. (Luebke / Harris). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Gatherings**

Last Sunday was awesome when the church was full of people for the congregational meeting. We had our first congregant in worship when they may have been contagious. The congregation was notified. So far, there have been no other cases.

- **Budget Draft Review**

Pastor Chuck's report included a first draft of the budget. This will continue to fluctuate. We have now received 103 statements of intent. Chuck shared both income and expense estimates. He said that the finance team is requesting input from the council as to how they would like to see us work to balance the budget.

- **Congregational Meeting Update**

The congregation unanimously voted to extend a call to Pastor Bridget Jones and approved her compensation package as presented.

- **Follow-Up to Congregational Meeting**

Pastor Bridget is excited to move forward with her call. We are still waiting for the official signature on the call letter. Pastor Bridget is in the process of letting her congregation know that she is resigning. She will complete her ministry in Superior, WI on January 23. She hopes to arrive in Auburn by the middle of February. Please keep Pastor Bridget in your prayers as she goes through the transition.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**
 - Anne shared that her son-in-law's brother, Bryan Torres, is battling an aggressive leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers.
 - Jonathan Kniss' mother passed away on Tuesday. Prayers for the Kniss Family.
- **Pastors' Reports**
 - Pastor Susan and Pastor Chuck shared written reports that was included in the packet.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
 - The council should read up through Chapter 4 of How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going. Dan will lead the discussion next month.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Luebke / Harris). Motion carried.
- **Lord's Prayer**
 - Anne led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Baunach
Council Secretary