

Council Minutes

April 21st, 2022

Present: Anne Baunach, Jonathan Baunach, Dan Fergueson, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Rev. Bridget Jones, Josh Luebke, Sheila McLaughlin, Lauren Mendez, and Charlie Radabaugh

Absent: Janene Nelson

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**
Josh called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- **Book Study**
Discussion of Chapter 7 has been moved to next month. Anne will lead the discussion.
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (McLaughlin / Fergueson). Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2022**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (J. Baunach / Mendez). Motion passed.
- **Financial Report**
Janene provided a written report. It was included in the council packet. There was a positive general fund balance of \$2,253. Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. (Fergueson / Radabaugh). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Gatherings**
Easter Breakfast was nice to bring people together in person. Pastor Chuck shared that he felt a feeling of respect with different people's masking preferences. We will start community meals in the Gathering Space starting this Sunday. Lauren mentioned wanting an announcement to be made at Service to encourage more Community Supper volunteers.
- **Audit Committee**
Gretchen Carlton has agreed to join the Audit Committee. Motion to appoint Gretchen Carlton on the Audit Committee for a 1 year term. (Harris / McLaughlin). Motion passed.
- **Task Force Formation - Gathering Space**
Charlie presented the plan to update the Gathering Space. Motion to approve \$32,000 for the replacement of carpet and vinyl in the upper and lower Gathering Space (Radabaugh / McLaughlin). Motion passed.
Motion to form a Task Force to revitalize the Gathering Space. They will come back to the council for any needed funds (Fergueson / Mendez). Motion passed.
- **In Person Council Meeting**
The Council shared a common interest in doing in person meetings, starting in a larger space to allow room for social distancing. There was conversation about setting up a hybrid option for either council members who need a virtual option or congregation members want to join. Motion to start in person council meetings with the May Meeting. (Foss / Harris). Motion passed. Pastor Chuck volunteered to provide snacks for the first meeting.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**
 - Charlie wanted to recognize the work of Pastor Bridget during Easter Sunday.
 - Josh recognized the work of the entire staff and musicians during Holy Week.
 - Shelia wanted to mention the feel of community with in person Easter Service

- Jonathan recognized the hard work of the 5th and 6th graders for running Easter Breakfast and raising approx. \$1,700.
- Pastor Chuck shared that the prayers will be shared on Monday's email communication and a part of the staff devotional will be shared on Wednesday's email communication
- Dave reminded the council that you can write "Council Corner" messages for email communication.
- **Pastors' Reports**
 - Pastor Bridget is starting to plan young adult and children's programming for the summer.
 - Pastor Chuck shared that his sabbatical is starting May 31st. He is looking for data on Adult Small Groups before he goes on sabbatical. Chuck is still looking for people for a Fall Stewardship Planning Group.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
 - The council should read up through Chapter 7 of How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going. Next month will be led by Anne.
 - Pastor Chuck will bring snacks to the next council meeting.
 - Josh will write an "MLC Whoop Whoop of the Week" celebrating the work of the musicians.
 - Anne will send out a sign-up sheet for "Council Corner"
 - Charlie will write next week's "Council Corner".
 - Council will encourage small groups to talk to Chuck before he goes on sabbatical.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Mendez / J. Baunach). Motion passed.
- **Lord's Prayer**
 - Pastor Bridget led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Baunach

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