

Council Minutes

August 18, 2022

Present: Anne Baunach, Jonathan Baunach, Rev. Bridget Jones, Rev. Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Josh Luebke, Lauren Mendez, Janene Nelson. and Charlie Radabaugh

Absent: Dan Fergusson, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Sheilia McLaughlin,

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**

Anne called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

- **Adoption of Agenda**

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

- **Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2022**

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

- **Financial Report**

Janene reported on June and July financials.

June receipts: \$44,382. June Expenses: \$56,318. June Difference: -\$10,736.

July receipts: \$51,087 July Expenses: \$55,279. July Difference: -\$4,192.

Janene shared that the final June weekend did not get counted until July which is why the June difference is much larger compared to July. Overall, compared to the budget, we are -\$24,597

Anne asked if we should do a verbal report at an upcoming service, but Janene shared that she wants to wait until Pastor Chuck returns from Sabbatical for advice.

Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. (Mendez / Radabaugh). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Gatherings**

Anne shared that not much has changed over the past two months. Josh shared that CDC restrictions have been loosened which might affect the staff policy.

The council decided to meet virtually for the September meeting but will meet in person in October.

- **Child Safety Policy Task Force**

Josh has agreed to lead a task force to review/update the Child Safety Policy. He will start recruiting individuals for the task force and follow up with who is interested in September. If people are interested, please reach out to Josh. Josh will also present the task force at a future worship service. Lauren also mentioned reaching out to the YMCA on their policy and if they would like to be a part of the task force.

- **Stewardship Campaign**

Anne shared some information on the stewardship campaign. The team leading this is Anne, Lauren Mendez, and Ross Chamberlain. They are still developing a plan in the fall. Commitment Sunday is Nov. 6th.

- **Faith Formation Update**

Pastor Bridget shared that faith formation retreat happened along with two small group sessions. The faith formation kickoff is September 11th. Faith formation for kids 6th grade and under will focus on relationship building with a multigenerational event every other Sunday. Faith formation for higher grade kids will focus on Faith in Action with a “passport model” which will be rolled out in October.

- **Council Book Study**

Pastor Bridget shared three recommendations for Council Book Study: One Coin Found, Transforming, and Outside the Lines. The council decided to read One Coin Found first. Pastor Bridget will purchase One Coin

Found and will distribute it to the council. Anne recommended sharing this with the congregation and encouraging them to read along with us.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**
 - Charlie shared that the Gathering Space Committee has been working on some additions to the Gathering Space. He will share their recommendations in the next few weeks. Pastor Bridget will present at the September meeting with Charlie being out. It was suggested that we tie the Gathering Space additions with the Stewardship plan.
- **Pastors' Reports**
 - Pastor Bridget shared that, as a part of Faith in Action, there is a plan to have high school students who are interested take part in a larger project to share their faith to the congregation. Pastor Bridget also shared that there were a number of great faith formation events: FLBC, VBS, Faith Formation Retreat. Pastor Bridget has been working to plan for the fall.
 - Pastor Susan is planning Senior VBS. The focus of Senior VBS is on seeing each other differently in different times of life.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
 - Josh will recruit people to the Child Safety Policy Task Force.
 - Pastor Bridget will purchase and distribute One Coin Found to the council members who want a hard copy.
 - Charlie will share via email the recommendations of the Gathering Space Committee with the Council.
- **Lord's Prayer**
 - Pastor Susan led the group in the Lord's Prayer.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Luebke / J. Baunach). Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Baunach

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Council Secretary