

Council Minutes

September 15, 2022

Present: Jonathan Baunach, Dan Fergusson, Dave Foss, Rev Chuck Harris, Rev. Bridget Jones, Rev. Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Josh Luebke, Janene Nelson, and Lauren Mendez

Absent: Anne Baunach, Sheilia McLaughlin, Charlie Radabaugh

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**
Josh called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented. (Harris/J. Baunach). Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: August 18, 2022**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Nelson/J. Baunach). Motion passed.
- **Financial Report**
August Financials: Receipts: \$45,505. Disbursements: \$52,569. This means a deficit of \$7,064
YTD Balance: -\$31,661
Expecting increased giving in Nov and Dec.
Did not go over any budgeted numbers for the month of August.
Lauren mentioned looking into a grant for a Solar Panel install because electricity costs have increased.
Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. (Fergusson/Mendez). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **In Person Gatherings**
No major updates with in person gatherings. Council will meet in person next month. Pastor Bridget will bring snacks to the meeting.
- **Child Safety Policy Task Force**
Karin Ode and Mary Beth Sheehan volunteered to join Josh on the Child Safety Policy Task Force.
Motion to create the Child Safety Policy Task Force with a mission to review and revise, as needed, our current Safe Space Policy. (Nelson/Foss). Motion passed.
Motion to name Josh Luebke as chair and Karin Ode and Mary Beth Sheehan as members of the Child Safety Policy Task Force. (Nelson/J. Baunach). Motion passed.
- **Council Book Study**
Pastor Bridget updated the copies of One Coin Found are in her office. People can pick up as needed on Sunday. Will go over forward, prologue, and chapter 1 for the next council meeting.
- **Stewardship Campaign**
Pastor Chuck encourages every council member to send responses to his Stewardship Campaign email by next Wednesday (Sep 21). Have four Sundays for the stewardship program.
Pastor Chuck shared that Monday October 3rd is when he is sending out statements of intent to council members and would like Council Members to send it back by October 10th.

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**

- Lauren shared that it is Hispanic Heritage Month. Lauren encouraged doing some form of fellowship or highlighting the month on social media.
- Pastor Bridget shared an update from Charlie on the Gathering Space renovation.
- **Pastors' Reports**
 - Pastor Susan shared that Senior VBS was a lot of fun. It gave Susan a lot of ideas for future senior programming. Pastor Susan also shared that the care team is working on being with members of the congregation who have loved ones in memory care or are in memory care themselves.
 - Pastor Bridget shared that the start of Faith Foundation went well. She is excited for the next few events in the upcoming months. Pastor Bridget has also been working on meeting and building relationships with people in the community like the Auburn School District. There are also upcoming high school and young adult events. There is also an upcoming Family Hang Night and the launch of Faith In Action (a new confirmation plan).

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
 - Pastor Bridget will bring snacks to the Council meeting next month
 - Council Members will read the forward, prologue, and chapter 1 of One Coin Found.
 - Council Members will respond to Pastor Chuck's Stewardship email by September 21st.
 - Council Members will return statements of intent to Pastor Chuck by October 10th.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Nelson/Mendez). Motion passed.
- **Lord's Prayer**
 - Pastor Susan led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Baunach

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Council Secretary