

Council Minutes

November 17, 2022

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

Absent: Dan Ferguson, Rev. Bridget Jones, Sheilia McLaughlin, Lauren Mendez

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order**
Anne called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- **Book Study**
Pastor Chuck led the group in conversations around Chapters 2 & 3 of One Coin Found.
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Agenda amended to remove “Staff Expectations for Ending and Re-entering”
Motion to approve the agenda as amended. (Nelson/J. Baunach). Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2022**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Luebke/Harris). Motion passed.
- **Financial Report**
Receipts: \$52,442. Disbursements: \$56,075. Difference: -\$3,633.
Motion to approve the financial report as presented (Foss/J. Baunach). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **Stewardship Campaign**
Chuck provided an update. We have received 68 pledges with most increasing their pledge or keeping constant.
- **New Council Members**
Dan Ferguson has submitted his resignation from council. There will be at least four open council spots that need to be filled as well as a treasurer. One current council member is planning on running again. There have been two possible ideas for a new treasurer. There were also suggestions of possible members to reach out to about running. Council members are encouraged to reach out to people about joining council

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**
 - Josh shared that the Child Safety Task Force is going well. They have discussed how to do background checks and how to make the policy more gender inclusive.
 - Dave mentioned that we should do a regular push for Amazon Smile purchases through constant contact and the website.
 - Pastor Chuck wanted to thank Pastor Susan for a successful Friends Gather Here event and Pastor Susan mentioned that the event led to a lot of good ideas including possibly creating little devotion cards for families.
 - Pastor Susan also shared that one of her focuses with senior programming is finding ways to provide food for people who can't cook for themselves.
 - Charlie shared that we are getting all of the new furniture for the gathering space update by next week.
 - Josh shared that we should focus on increasing volunteerism in different groups (alter guild, slide makers, etc.). Charlie added that creating a list of all of the different volunteer groups might be helpful.

- **Pastors' Reports**

- Pastor Chuck shared that the Synod is sponsoring an in-person RIC event soon that will be shared with the congregation.
- Pastor Chuck and Pastor Bridget have been talking to families with children about bringing children into worship. They are looking at creating a space for children in the Sanctuary and evolving our Time for Children into a time where children do an individual bible study during worship.
- Pastor Chuck mentioned that, in his upcoming sermon, he will be talking about beginning and endings. The Messiah we once knew has ended and we are being called into the beginning of a new phase of Messiah.
- Pastor Susan shared that the best way to get new volunteers for a group is to invite people to be trained.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**

- Anne will bring snacks/lead book study at the December meeting.
- Council members will read chapters 4-5 of One Coin Found for the book study.
- Council members will make stewardship phone calls.
- Council members will reach out to people about interest in joining council.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Nelson/Radabaugh). Motion passed.

- **Lord's Prayer**

Pastor Susan led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Baunach

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