

Council Minutes

Ocotber 19th, 2023

Present: Anne Baunach, Jonathan Baunach, Rev. Chuck Harris, Rev. Susan Kirlin-Hackett, Lauren Mendez, Janene Nelson, Josh Luebke, and Ernest Thomas

Absent: Sheila McLaughlin, Rev. Bridget Jones, and Shannon Spicciati

Gathering Time

- **Book Study**
Jonathan led the group in book study, In The Margins Ch.10 and Conclusion.
- **Call to Order**
Anne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- **Adoption of Agenda**
Motion of to adopted agenda. (Luebke/Baunach,J). Motion passed.
- **Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2023**
Motion to approve the minutes as presented. (Baunach, A/Baunach,J). Motion passed.
Made corrections to September minutes.
- **Financial Report**
Pastor Chuck presented the financial report for March. Income for the month: \$56,892.89.
Expenses for the month: \$56,872.16. This is a difference of \$20.73.
Motion to approve the financial report as presented. (Nelson/Mendez). Motion passed.

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **Strategetic Planning Retreat**
Looked at the dreams scopes and outcomes we are wanting for Messiah. As well as ways we can have healthy conversations as a congressional as we move into election season and other events happening in the world. The retreat will hosted at Anne's home. A idea of creating an annual calendar as a way to plan and map out events was brought up. Will begin making that calendar during the retreat. Snacks will be provided. Retreat will be held on October 29th.
- **Stewardship Update**
Mailing has been sent out to members. The topics have been great. The sermons we have been impactful. Giving thanks for Josh and Pastor Eric. The YMCA asked Messiah for donations for food for children to take home in their backpacks. Using the money raised to help fund food for children.
Looking at Faith in Action to do things for Mission Sunday to raise money for these children to provide them food and other needs. A focus on our stewardship of choices and how that impacts our society.
- **Next Book Study Selection**
 - Post-Traumatic Jesus by David W. Peters

- Book link: <https://www.amazon.com/Post-Traumatic-Jesus-Reading-Gospel-Wounded/dp/0664267327>

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah**
 - Josh shared about our new custodian service. How it has been a pleasure and the letters individuals have received is just an added bonus to the service it brings.
- **Pastors' Reports**
 - Pastor Susan shared about working along side her fellow pastors. How this has built more community amongst them.
 - Pastor Chuck having already done so shared about the upcoming Council Retreat Framework and what is to come.
 - Pastor Bridgett report include her enjoyment of the Civics Academy. As for Faith Formation has started off and got some exciting activities for youth of all ages. Already have 10 youth and 3 adults signed up for the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year. A fundraiser of selling Butterbraids through November 3rd as well as youth doing yard work to raise money for the trip. Additionally, the Redeemer Players has offer to put on their play in Galli Hall with proceeds from it going to towards the gathering.

As for Faith in Action Sunday, on October 29th, Peyton and Aubrey Kestle will be affirming their baptisms after completing the Faith in Action curriculum. You are invited to put you faith in action helping the quilter put together 500 school kits to be send around the world through Luther World Relief. As for Outreach, Messiah will be taking part in City of Auburn's Trunk or Treat at Les Grove park from 1pm to 5pm.

Implement Our Mission & Ministry

- Closing Youth Account to merge with General Funds
 - Youth fund will become a held fund if moved to general funds. Motion to authorizing financial to close Youth Account to instead move those funds to the Consolidated Funds. (Baunch,J/Pastor Susan). Motion passed.
- Selling Chuch Van
 - The van is currently unused and had become more costly with recent events. Motion for financial selling the chuch van. (Pastor Chuck/Mendez). Motion passed.

Sending

- **Review of Assignment & Tasks**
 - Purchase next book study book. *Post-Traumatic Jesus* by David W. Peters.
 - Josh updated Safe Space document. Review it.
 - Council Retreat will be October 29th from 1pm-6pm. Hosted at Anne's house.

- **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Mendez/Pastor Harris). Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

- **Lord's Prayer**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Thomas

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Council Secretary