

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2023, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson, President Matt Vanni, Vice-President Terrie Porras, Secretary Joanna Magrane, Treasurer Debbie Villas, Jim Briar, Stacy Hansen, Jeff Hines, Berry Kohrt, Gail Sieglaff, Cindy Smith, Bill Taccolini Excused: Chris Nelson, Jeremy Sallgren Present to Report: Patti Treptow

Call to Order/Agenda Approval: Matt called the meeting to order at 6:06, then called for review and approval of the agenda. Pastor Christine asked to include discussion regarding the need for a youth representative (Old Business) and discussion of plans for several new groups she'll be implementing (Long Term Project/Goals). Bill made a MOTION to approve the agenda, SECONDED by Betty, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine read the New Living Translation of Psalm 23, followed by prayer.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Matt called for review and approval of the minutes of the February 14th meeting. Two errors were noted: clarification/separation of the Youth Committee and Learning Committee reports, and an incorrect date. Stacy made a MOTION to approve the minutes as amended, SECONDED by Terrie, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the Financial Reports and attendance figures, noting that attendance is increasing. Debbie also noted that the wording of items 2 and 4 on the Finance Committee Meeting Summary will be revised. Cindy made a MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Installation of Jeff Hines: Pastor Christine installed Jeff to Council, as he was not able to attend the Annual Meeting. As part of Jeff's installation, Pastor Christine reinstated the entire Council.

Bulletin Advertisements: After discussion of the pros and cons of selling bulletin ads as a source of additional income, Bill made a MOTION to discontinue bulletin advertising, SECONDED by Terrie, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written. She noted that there will be 3 high school youth attending the upcoming Fortune Lake Retreat. She will again ask if any are willing to serve as Council Youth Representative. Regarding the Retreat, Patti requested mileage or reimbursement of gas costs for her and Allyson Bickel, who will be attending and helping with transportation. This request was approved. Council members were provided a copy of the Policy and Procedure for disbursement of funds from the Carl & Marian Johnson Fund for review. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Policy and Procedure, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Youth: Stacy reported that a swim event for children was held on 2/25 at the YMCA. At their next meeting they will be preparing Treat Bags for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Palm Sunday.

Learning: Did not meet.

Endowment: Did not meet.

Fellowship: Did not meet. Terrie circulated the Coffee Hour sign-up sheet.

Human Resources: Did not meet. There is currently no Council member acting as a representative for this committee, which meets as needed.

Memorial: Did not meet.

Outreach: Patti reported that the committee did not meet in March, but will be meeting before Easter to put together 17 Easter baskets for shut ins.

Policy & Procedure: Did not meet. There is currently no Council representative for this committee except Pastor Christine.

Property: Matt reported that they are working on getting bids to clean the Sanctuary carpets and pews, working to secure chimney bids, and planning to get the brick repaired in the women's bathroom by the Conference Room. They will also be doing an inventory of church property, beginning in the Sanctuary. It was brought to Matt's attention that there are some issues with the carpet seams on the Sanctuary steps.

Stewardship: Did not meet.

Worship: Did not meet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine gave an overview of her written report, noting the format and what content to expect.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Synod Assembly Representatives: Rudy and Vicki Schiller, who were previously elected to serve as Synod Assembly Representatives, are unable to attend. Debbie Villas and Jeanette Lawton have volunteered to take their place. Synod Assembly will be held May 18-20 in Marquette. Terrie made a MOTION to appoint Debbie and Jeanette to serve as our delegates to Synod Assembly, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

Pastor Christine shared her vision for a Congregation-wide spiritual awakening. Toward that end, she plans to form several new groups at Emmanuel including: a Visitation Team of at least 10 people, whom she will train to visit the homebound and nursing home residents; Faithful Innovations, a team (including a few council members) that will take part in a 3-day training session in order to discern God's will for Emmanuel; and a variety of prayer and scripture study groups. Her goal is for at least 20% of the Congregation to be involved in a group, and she hopes that all Council members will participate. More information will be forthcoming in the Messenger and bulletin.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt adjourned the meeting at 8:26 on a MOTION by Bill, SECONDED by Terrie, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary

