

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 9/20/23

The August Congregation Council Meeting was held on 8/16/23.

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Bannister, Melanie Boyer, Alan Divver, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Barbara Quinn, Jen Shaw, Ashdon Bobbie, Christine Casey, CJ Hamilton, Maryanne Sweeney, Trish Strauss

**Absent:** Harry Betz, Bruce Roper, Tom Smith, and Barb Sheppard

The meeting was called to order by Bob Muller at 7:00pm. The scripture was read by Pastor Bo Bannister and the prayer was offered by Bob Muller.

### **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

Hatboro Community Cupboard (Carol Schlegel and Alan Eickhoff) addressed the council about missing inventory from the Hatboro Community Cupboard. Alan spoke to the cleaning service to clarify that they were not helping themselves as there was a previous miscommunication about this subject. The pantry has anti-intruder locks and selected personnel have keys. There have not been issues since the doors have been kept locked. Therefore, the communication is to notify the council of the situation and no action is necessary at this time. The council will discuss further recommendations and get back to Carol Schlegel and Alan Eickhoff.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes from August 2023 were reviewed. Bob recommended changing the meeting to official as there were enough attendees.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from August 2023 with the recommended updates. The motion was made and seconded by Barbara Quinn and CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **REPORTS:**

Pastor's Report – p. 6

Attendance Report – p. 8

Property – p. 9

Hatboro Community Cupboard – p. 10

Kids & Family Ministry (Formerly Chris Ed) – p. 11

Finance – Separate Documents

Worship & Music – p. 12-13

Mutual Ministry – p. 14

It was moved and seconded to accept the finance committee's report as presented. The motion was made and seconded by CJ Hamilton/Alan Divver. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update- Shannon O'Neill spoke for the committee and said that they are still deciding on a venue, and at the next meeting in October they will finalize where it will be held and have a budget. They are leaning towards the German Club in Southampton and the cost of that venue is ~\$3000 and they are hoping to raise half the cost. Other topics are events leading up to the anniversary party (ice cream social, slide show). Also, we will have a contest for a new logo.

Visions & Values Update – team will meet to redo the V&V draft and present it at the October council meeting.

New Email Service Update- There are 3 people that are not receiving emails. Ashdon is continuing to work with Aplos on these issues.

Electronic Sign Update- no updates.

Trespassing Issues; No Trespassing Signs – we have temporary signs and need permanent signs or RING. If we go with RING we will have different feeds for the parsonage and church.

PECO Audit Update – Audit is complete and will receive an update in October.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fellowship Committee- would include St. John's Day, Coffee Hour, Brad Fox, and the social dinners working with Kids and Family Ministry, when necessary.

If members are not part of a committee, they are encouraged to join one. Altar guild needs help, Sunday school and hoping someone can head the fellowship committee. Pastor recommended having small groups within the larger committee to work on specific events.

Parking Lot Issues- The office is requesting the owners of the cars parked illegally in the parking lot to call the church by posting a note on the window of the cars. When they call the office we require inspection, registration, and the vehicle to be drivable to be parked in the lot.

Pastor's Calling is postponed – We need two October dates for the calling. The dates recommended are October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Bob Muller will submit the dates to Synod.

Child Safety Manual – Reviewed document and council recommended their updates. Pg 9 to be updated accordingly and footnotes added to each page.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Child Safety Manual with the recommended updates. The motion was made and seconded by Ashdon Bobbie and Shannon O'Neill. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegates for Dean's Vote- requesting two members in addition to Pastor for Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> @7pm in Richboro.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Community Outreach Ministry – No report
- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Fellowship – No report
- Hatboro Community Cupboard –See report
- Kids & Family Ministry –See report
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Property –See report
- Social Media – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Mutual Ministry – See report
- Worship & Music –See report

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A request to have a bin for clothing drop off at the was emailed to the office. Ashdon will request more information before the council discusses.

A request was submitted to use the fellowship for AI-on gathering 630-930.

It was moved and seconded to accept the request as presented. The motion was made and seconded by Ashdon Bobbie and CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Council members shared their cares and concerns.

**NEXT MEETING: Date: October 18th, 2023**

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Shannon O'Neill