

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 2/22/24

The February Congregation Council Meeting was held on 2/21/24.

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey, Alan Divver, CJ Hamilton, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Barbara Quinn, Bruce Roper, Jenn Shaw, Tom Smith, Trish Strauss, Anna Sweeney, and Maryanne Sweeney

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Tom Smith at 7:03 p.m. The scripture was read by Tom Smith and the prayer was offered by Pastor Bo.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

*It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from January 2024 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Harry Betz / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Bob Muller – No Council report

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached. Harry Betz explained that we are in better shape than anticipated. He also went over the attached Deficit Support sheet.

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented. The motion was made and seconded by Finance Committee / Bob Muller. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to approve the 2024 budget with a total deficit of \$47,000.

It was moved and seconded by the Finance Committee / Tom Smith. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to approve the Benevolence budget as presented.

It was moved and seconded by the Finance Committee / Jenn Shaw. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

75th Anniversary Update – Shannon O’Neill gave a verbal update which included a kickoff party in April and an Ice Cream Social in July. The date of the actual event will be September 29th from 1:00-5:00 at Vereinigung Erzgebirge (a.k.a. The German Club) in Warminster. They will also be fund-raising for the event.

Welcome Team Update – Pastor Bo gave a verbal update of the Welcome Team he is putting together and the motivation behind it.

Office Roof Update – So far, \$23,000 in donations has been collected. The roof work has been completed using money from the Capital Improvement Account.

New Council Members – 4 new members will be joining Council next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outgoing Council members Harry Betz, Christine Casey, Linda Morrison, and Trish Strauss were recognized.

Volunteer Training – Safety Policy/Training will be held April 10th at 6:30 for volunteers working with youth at St John’s.

Pastor Bo went over the People of St. John’s list and how many people are involved in an abundant amount of varied activities.

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 – The line for Rumpf Plumbing in the Property Report was for a new water heater which had failed in the parsonage.
- Social Media – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Welcome Team – See report – Pastor Bo also explained the goal of the Welcome Team
- Women’s Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

A Scrapbook club would like to utilize Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made to make Fellowship Hall, or an alternative space, available to the Scrapbook club on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for one year with a suggested \$250 per month donation.

It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Ashdon Bobbie. **MOTION CARRIED**

CJ Hamilton stated that his Yoga clinic is closing and may need a space on Thursdays from 4:45 to 6:00 pm for about 25-30 veterans. Council agreed there should be room at St John's if needed. He will follow up with his clinic.

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: 3/20/24

Meeting Leader: Bob Muller

Scripture: Barbara Quinn

Prayer: Alan Divver

Refreshments: CJ Hamilton

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / CJ Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper