

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 10/25/22

The October Congregation Council Meeting was held on 10/19/2022

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, CJ Hamilton, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Bruce Roper, Trish Strauss, and Maryanne Sweeney

Absent: Linda Morrison

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:00 p.m. The scripture was read by Bob Muller and the prayer was offered by Pastor Bo

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Date: 9/21/22

*The minutes from September were approved without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Bob Muller / Denise Betz **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bo Bannister – Attached

Finance Committee – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Council members for 2023 – Potential new members were further discussed. Various Council members will reach out to the candidates to see if they would be willing to serve on Council. Also discussed was bringing back youth representation to council.

Mission and Vision statements for St John's were discussed. Pastor Bo will disseminate his suggested Mission and Vision statements to the council members for review and discussion at next month's meeting.

New member on-boarding progress – Shannon O’Neill had prepared a 5-6 page power point which she submitted to Ashdon Bobbie.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no new business items for this month’s meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – See report
- Fellowship – No report
- Food Pantry Report – See report. CJ explained the change of leadership for the Food Pantry. He also brought up that they are in need of donations for non-perishables.
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Property – See report. Trish Strauss also Eagle Scout project has been completed, painting stairwell by food pantry entrance and the back hallway
- Social Media – No report
- Social Ministry – No report
- Stewardship –No report
- Women’s Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music –See report. Bob Muller also brought up, and Council discussed, the issue that some members have expressed occasional trouble hearing the sermon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Building Use request – Al-Anon would like the use of Fellowship Hall and the kitchen for a Family Groups Night on November 18 from 6:30-9:30 for approximately 40 people.

A Motion was made to approve the building use request of Al-Anon. It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Ashdon Bobbie. **MOTION CARRIED**

Council received a request on behalf of the Hatters football team asking if St John’s would consider putting an ad in their program which would also appear in their electronic event program. St John’s has participated in this in the past.

A Motion was made to participate in the Hatters football program with a quarter page add at a cost of \$295. It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

A Building Use request was received from the Community Service Foundation to host a family group conference for a Montgomery County family local to the Hatboro area. The event would be held on November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a group of approximately 10 people.

A Motion was made to allow Fellowship Hall to be used by the Community Service Foundation on November 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / CJ Hamilton **MOTION CARRIED**

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: 11/16/2022

Scripture: Shannon O'Neill

Prayer: Lisa Fritz

Refreshments: Carole DePue

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / CJ Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper