

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 8/24/22

The August Congregation Council Meeting was held on 8/17/2022

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey, Lisa Fritz, CJ Hamilton, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, and Bruce Roper

Absent: Carole DePue, Trish Strauss, Maryanne Sweeney

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:02 p.m. The scripture was read by Denise Betz and the prayer was offered by Bruce Roper.

PERSONS WISHING TO COUNCIL:

- Linda DiMeo spoke to Council about her plan to start a Bible Study group. Her hope is for the group to have more of a book club feel to it, stressing fellowship along with bible study. Linda would give people the discussion topic/questions ahead of time so that people can come with thoughts for discussion already forming. The group would be open to all ages. In keeping with the fellowship theme, the first meeting would be planned to be held at Mikes York Street Bar and Grill in Warminster. The group would meet on the 4th Thursday of each month starting at 6:00 pm. Linda currently has the first six months planned and is ready to move forward with getting this off the ground with the first theme being Joy vs Happiness and the next theme discussing a book by Ira Byock titled The Four Things That Matter Most. Sign-ups for the upcoming month's meeting would be needed so that Mike's (or whichever venue) can know an approximate number to expect.

Council agreed that it would be a great program and encouraged Linda to move forward with the initiative.

- Alan Eickhoff and Ken Woods representing the Property Committee spoke to Council about the high temperature in the food pantry/storage area, which is primarily due to the heat being generated from the refrigerators/freezers. The food pantry main room itself was up to 88 degrees recently. Alan reached out to Peters Associates who submitted pricing for three different options for cooling the rooms. (Proposal from Peters is attached to minutes) Council members walked down to the food pantry and storage area to better understand the issue and the proposals being submitted. Alan also explained that there is a \$4,000 challenge contribution that will be donated to the cost of this project by an anonymous donor.

A Motion was made by the Food Pantry to accept Option 2 of the Peter's proposal at a cost of \$10,500. Also, that St John's would front the cost based on expected returns from fund raising and donations.

It was moved and seconded by the Food Pantry and Linda Morrison. **MOTION CARRIED**

Harry Betz will monitor the finances for this project.

A Motion was made for St John's to donate up to \$2,000 of the \$10,500 cost for the food pantry cooling project.

It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz and CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Date: 6/22/2022

*The minutes from June were approved without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Ashton Bobbie / Chris Casey. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Harry Betz –Attached (including Attendance Report)

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Finance Committee – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Summer Homework – Harry had handed out a packet at the last meeting for Council Members to read through regarding on-boarding new Council members. Council discussed and Harry suggested that a small focus group be formed to come back to Council with suggestions on how to improve the process. Ashdon Bobbie, Christine Casey, Shannon O'Neill, and Bruce Roper volunteered.
- Mask Policy – A Motion was made to make mask wearing optional again in the building, which would include Sunday School and the Food Pantry. It was moved and seconded by Worship & Music / Bob Muller. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing Update
 - Ashdon Bobbie– will be starting about 8/30 as our full time Office Administrator. Michelle Muller will stay on while Ashdon gets acclimated to the position.
 - With the change to the Office Administrator position, it was agreed that an Office Assistant is no longer needed. 9/1/22 will be Elizabeth Dube's last day.
 - The Flyers organization has asked Michael Brinkworth back as their organist. He will be working at the arena on Thursdays.

- Preliminary Council Member discussion—Council members Denise Betz, Carole DePue, and Bruce Roper will be leaving at the end of this year’s term (which includes the Secretary position). Lisa Fritz is at the end of her first three-year term and has not yet decided if she will stay for a second term. Three to four new candidates will be needed to replace those leaving. Harry Betz asked members to start thinking of qualified candidates and come to the September meeting with suggestions.
- Homework – Members in need of a wellness call or visit. Harry Betz would like to see this prioritized so that St John’s reaches out to those in need.
- Open Discussion
 - Bob Muller mentioned that we will be needing a new web-site coordinator. He is currently investigating using a new web site which would be easier to use.
 - Ashdon Bobbie gave an update on VBS in July. Overall, those involved all considered it very successful, with over 30 children participating.
- Calendar – September and October calendars were reviewed.
- Harry Betz talked about reaching out to prior St John’s members who have left for any reason to invite them back to St John’s to see how we’ve improved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – No report
- Fellowship – No report
- Food Pantry Report – See report
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – See report
- Property – See report
- Social Media – No report
- Social Ministry – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women’s Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – See report

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was received from the Community Foundation of West Kentucky for the tornado relief Fund thanking us for the donation that came from St John’s.

The American Red Cross would like to use fellowship hall on October 19th from 1:00 – 9:00 pm. and April (specific date to be determined) 2023.

A Motion was made to approve the building use request of the American Red Cross. It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Harry Betz. **MOTION CARRIED**

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and Council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: Wednesday September 21, 2022

Scripture: Ashdon Bobbie

Prayer: Harry Betz

Refreshments: Trish Strauss

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Bruce Roper to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper