

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 2/22/23

The February Congregation Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, 2/15/2023

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

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:01 p.m. The scripture was read by Lisa Fritz and the prayer was offered by Shannon O'Neill

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

None

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

\*It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from January 2023 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Carole DePue. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORTS:**

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached. Harry Betz went through the Financial report and the proposed 2023 Budget with Council.

A motion was made to accept the Balance Sheet as presented from the Finance Committee.

\*It was moved and seconded to accept the Balance Sheet as presented. The motion was made and seconded by Finance Committee / Carole DePue. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to accept the 2023 Budget with a deficit of \$39,483 as presented from the Finance Committee.

\*It was moved and seconded to accept the 2023 Budget as presented. The motion was made and seconded by Finance Committee / CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to accept the Income Statement for January 2023 as presented from the Finance Committee.

\*It was moved and seconded to accept the Income Statement for January 2023 as presented. The motion was made and seconded by Finance Committee / Denise Betz. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mission/Vision Statements and Tag Line – Council members reviewed and discussed wording and intended message of a Tag Line and the Mission Statement for St John’s and decided on the following:

Tag Line – Faith. Service. Community.

Mission Statement – Building a loving, accepting, community centered on growing in Christ.

A suggestion was made to put the question out to the congregation to give us one word that means Vision to them.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

2023 Budget – the budget for 2023 was discussed and actioned upon as noted above.

Council recognized and thanked outgoing Council members Denise Betz, Carole DePue and Lisa Fritz.

75 Year Anniversary – The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John’s will be in 2024. A 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be formed to plan celebrating this milestone and several Council members expressed interest to being on this committee. We will also be looking for volunteers from the congregation to be on the committee as well.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – See report
- Fellowship – No report
- Food Pantry Report – See report – Harry Betz also informed Council that moving forward, the Food Pantry will be called the Hatboro Community Cupboard
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Property – See report
- Social Media – No report
- Social Ministry – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women’s Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – No report

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

**NEXT MEETING: Date: 3/15/23**

Scripture: Harry Betz

Prayer: Linda Morrison

Refreshments: CJ Hamilton

\*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / CJ Hamilton to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper