



CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 1/19/23

The January Congregation Council Meeting was held on Wednesday January 18th, 2023.

Council Members Present: Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, CJ Hamilton, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Bruce Roper, Trish Strauss, and Maryanne Sweeney

Absent: Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:06 p.m. The scripture was read by CJ Hamilton and the prayer was offered by Maryanne Sweeney.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

*It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from December 2022 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Shannon O'Neill / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

OLD BUSINESS:

- Finalize the Mission and Vision Statements for St. John's – Submissions from Council Members were distributed and reviewed. It was agreed that we will have a short Tag Line in addition to a combined Mission/Vision statement that will be clear, memorable, and concise, with the goal of keeping it to not much more than 15 words in length. However, the exact wording was postponed to work out until February's Council Meeting to give Pastor Bo the opportunity to review it.

- Mandatory distribution of the \$2,500 from Vern Schumacher's Memorial to be distributed towards benevolence – CJ Hamilton explained his and Denise Betz's recommendation.
A Motion was made to give \$1,500 to the National Veteran's Foundation, \$500 to HatPacks, and \$500 to the Lutheran Settlement charity foundation. It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton/Trish Strauss – **MOTION CARRIED**
- Bob Muller suggested we kick off a roof fund-raising drive at the Annual Meeting. The need to replace the roof over the library/office area is not immediate, but will be necessary in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A Motion was made to go into Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Bob Muller. **MOTION CARRIED**
- A Motion was made to come out of Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Bob Muller. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Carole DePue asked about the status of the library being made into a room for small kids and their parents to use if they need to step out of the service. Ashdon Bobbie and Bob Muller gave an update and that it is being worked on again and will eventually be better purposed for both parents and small children.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – See report. Ashdon Bobbie also explained that Abbie will be trying out a new curriculum in the near future. Ashdon will also clarify the Sunday School schedule as printed in the announcements and bulletins.
- Fellowship – No report
- Food Pantry Report – See report
- 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 – See report. Maryanne Sweeney asked if we could use the large screens in the sanctuary more rather than using so much paper and ink with printing

hard copies of the bulletins. Bob explained that is the ultimate goal, however we do not currently have the dedicated manpower to run them every service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: February 15, 2023

Scripture: Lisa Fritz

Prayer: Shannon O'Neill

Refreshments: Chris Casey

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Bruce Roper to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper