

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 1/19/24

The January Congregation Council Meeting was held on 1/17/24

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

**Absent:** Christine Casey, Jenn Shaw

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Muller at 7:01 p.m. The scripture was read by Pastor Bo 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 December 2023 as presented with corrections. The motion was made and seconded by Barbara Quinn / Tom Smith. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORTS:**

President, Bob Muller –No Report

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – No report.

Finance Committee – Attached

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update – No update
- Electronic Sign Update – With the current status of our operating budget, Council does not feel that the expense is justifiable. Harry Betz will contact the sign company that was involved and tell them we will get back to them if/when we might be ready to proceed.
- Welcome Team – Pastor is working on the team and will be reaching out to people.
- Office Roof Updates – We have currently raised \$29,000 to pay for the project.
- New Council Members – Bob Muller pointed out that we are losing three 3-year term people and one 2-year term person. Two potential 3-year term people have said yes to

joining Council and we will continue to solicit others and make an announcement to the congregation for members if necessary.

- Continuing Resolutions – No report
- Parsonage Basement – Our insurance company paid for a new sump pump and the basement is dry.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Harry Betz passed out a detailed preliminary budget for 2024 and went through the line items with Council. He will review it again at next month's council meeting.
- Trish Strauss will have more paperwork for Pastor to sign regarding BSA.
- Church Basement – There is a mold smell and there is a lot of stuff that should be gone through and thrown out. We should then have it tested for mold.
- A motion was made to go into Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Harry Betz.
- A motion was made to come out of Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Harry Betz.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Community Outreach Ministry – See 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 – No report
- Social Media – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women's Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – See report. It was also brought up that a new Committee Chair is needed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Hatboro Horsham Cheer Team is going to Hershey to compete. St John's has taken out an add in their program in the past and they asked if we'd do it again.

A Motion was made to support the Hatboro Horsham Cheer Team by placing a ¼ page sized ad in their program at a cost of \$350.

It was moved and seconded by Ashdon Bobbi / Tom Smith. Motion Carried.

### **CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

**NEXT MEETING: Date: February 21, 2024**

Meeting Leader: Tom Smith

Scripture: Tom Smith

Prayer: Pastor Bo

Refreshments: Melanie Boyer

\*It was moved and seconded by Tom Smith / Harry Betz to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper