

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 1/24/22

The January Congregation Council Meeting was held on 1/19/2022

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Harry Betz, Christine Casey, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, Allison Hudson, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Bruce Roper, and Trish Strauss

**Absent:** None

The meeting was called to order by President Denise Betz at 7:04 p.m. The scripture was read by Harry Betz and the prayer was offered by Christine Casey.

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

None

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

Date: 12/15/21

\*The minutes from December were approved without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Harry Betz / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORTS:**

President, Denise Betz –Attached

Finance Committee – Harry explained that we expect to finish off the year with an approximate \$10,000 deficit. This is largely due to the savings from not incurring Pastoral expenses for several months.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Kentucky Update – Harry Betz and Bob Muller gave a verbal update and said that the area is currently overwhelmed with donations. The current action plan is to hold on to the household items for now and check back again with our contact in Kentucky in a few months to see if they are needed then. However, monetary donations are welcome now. The congregation may continue to donate money through the end of January and at that point Harry will forward it along to Kentucky.

Parsonage Update – A portion of the side of the church adjacent to the parsonage is actually on the parsonage’s lot. Consequently, more money and effort will need to be spent if we were to sell the parsonage. This complicates the sale and will have to be investigated further. A real estate lawyer will most likely have to be utilized to figure out our possible options before council can make any recommendations about whether or not to retain or sell this property.

Computer needs for church staff addressed – Bob Muller explained that all staff members now have new or upgraded laptops.

A computer from the music program was accidentally dropped and is currently at the Apple store in the hope that it can be repaired.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Annual Meeting will be held on 2/6/22, Council attendance is requested. The meeting will also be live streamed for those that do not wish to attend in person.

New council members will start next month. (Melanie Boyer, CJ Hamilton, Maryanne Sweeney, Ashdon Bobbie.) Several current members volunteered to act as “shadows” for the new members for the first couple of meetings to show them the ropes and make them feel welcomed and comfortable.

The need to update church member information was discussed. Bob Muller explained that we keep track in Servent Keeper. He also passed out information forms to Council members as a start to get updated information on them. Bob explained that Michele will update the form and it will then be distributed to everyone via email or the postal service to get updated information on all current members. Creating an updated (electronic) picture directory was also briefly discussed.

Annual Budget – Harry Betz went over the 2022 budget and briefly explained how the Finance Committee came up with the budget.

A motion was made by the Finance committee to approve the budget for 2022 as presented with the stipulation that the revenue will be further updated to match 2021’s revenue for November and December 2021 and also updated benefit costs for Pastor and Music Director, once this information is available (shortly).

\*It was moved and seconded by the Finance Committee / Allison Hudson.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

Two abstained. (Harry Betz & Bob Muller)

Alison Hudson noted that since the disruption of covid, the monthly Church Events calendar has been absent from the weekly bulletin and suggested that it be added back in to inform everyone of outside meetings, Committee meetings, upcoming events, etc.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Christian Education – No report, Harry noted that Chris Ed will have a half day vacation bible school one week in July. Also, 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up will attend church service the first Sunday each month.
- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- 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 – No report

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Montgomery County Voter Services would like to use Fellowship Hall on Tues May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for voting services.

A motion was made to allow Montgomery County Voter Services would like to use Fellowship Hall on Tues May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for voting services.

\*It was moved and seconded by Trish Strauss / Linda Morrison.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

### **NEXT MEETING: Date: 2/16/22**

Scripture: Denise Betz

Prayer: Harry Betz

Refreshments: Trish Strauss

\*It was moved and seconded by Carole DePue / Lisa Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper