

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 5/24/23

The May Congregation Council Meeting was held on Wednesday May 17, 2023

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

Absent: Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey, Barbara Quinn, Barb Sheppard,

The meeting was called to order by Harry Betz at 7:00 p.m. The scripture was read by Shannon O'Neill 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 April 2023 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Alan Divver. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Bob Muller –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – Attached

Finance Report – Attached

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- 75th Anniversary Update – No update since last Council meeting but the committee will be meeting together next week and work on tasks and come back to Council with a budget at the June meeting.
- Visions & Values Update – No new update.
- Pastor Bo calling to St John's – The ELCA replied that we need to submit information that we have already submitted, but we will follow-up with them again to make sure the process is completed as necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Email Service – Ashdon Bobbie explained that the transition has not been as seamless as expected. Some issues have been errors on our part (typo's, etc) but many have not been. Ashdon is continuing to reach out to Verizon for fixes.
- Mother's Day Breakfast – Some people were disappointed with attendance and because there was not a breakfast. Bob Muller suggested next year we do a continental breakfast in an effort to raise attendance. There were only four kids in attendance. It was also suggested that, being on a Music Sunday, the service itself was longer which may be a deterrent to the kids.
- Hatboro Thanksgiving/Christmas Parade – Shannon O'Neill is looking into organizing participation for St John's in the parade and will report in future meetings as plans are developed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Community Outreach Ministry – No report
- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Fellowship – No report
- Hatboro Community Cupboard – See report
- Kids & Family Ministry – See report
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – See report
- Property – See report – Council agreed that the water usage spike situation needs further investigation because logic dictates that the water consumption issue is literally impossible to have happened. We need to dispute the bill and also insist the water company figure it out so that the situation does not happen again in the future.
- Social Media – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women's Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – No report

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Red Cross would like to use Fellowship Hall to hold a blood drive on July 6th from 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm for a blood drive. Council approved.

Carol Schlegel and Alan Eickhoff are requesting to use Fellowship Hall on July 24 from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm for about 15-20 people for a meeting of the Eastern Coalition of Pantries associated with Montgomery Anti-Hunger Network. Council approved.

A Motion was made to approve a quarter page banner for the track and field state championships at Hatboro/Horsham. It was moved and seconded by Ashdon Bobbie / CJ Hamilton.

MOTION CARRIED

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: June 21, 2023

Meeting Leader: Ashdon Bobbie

Scripture: Bob Muller

Prayer: Alan Divver

Refreshments: Alan Divver

*It was moved and seconded by Ashdon Bobbie / Bruce Roper to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper