

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: November 20, 2024

The November Congregation Council Meeting was held on 11/20/24

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Kiran Bodamer, Melanie Boyer, Alan Divver, CJ Hamilton, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Jenn Shaw, Tom Smith, Anna Sweeney, Maryanne Sweeney, Ken Woods, and Louise Woods.

Absent: Ashdon Bobbie, Barbara Quinn, Bruce Roper, Carol Schlegel

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Muller at 7:30 p.m. The scripture was read by Pastor Bo and the prayer was offered by Bruce Roper via Tom Smith

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Pat Beadling - Renovation Committee- stained glass window ornaments

Have some old and new. Can we organize a fundraiser? We have 10 large stained glass pieces for \$45 and 15 small for \$30 (less 2 to give to those who did the work to get them done); \$16 for triangle in a box and \$15 without a box. Total fundraiser would be \$1350. Is this pricing fair? Shannon suggested it be \$75 for the large. Conversation led to \$50 for the small. First come, first served

-When? December, announce week before Music Sunday (12/1) with display ready to be sold on Music Sunday at Fellowship Hall (12/8)

-Where will the funds go? HVAC, general? Designate for general fund to be used as needed

A Motion was made to give proceeds from the stained glass window ornaments to the general fund. It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton/Alan Divver. **MOTION CARRIED**

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

*It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from October 2024 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Tom Smith / CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Bob Muller –Attached

- Distributed The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached

-Attendance has been good in November; picking up from October.

-This Sunday will count as the end of the month for November income.

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented. The motion was moved and seconded by Shannon O'Neill / Alan Divver. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Continuing Resolutions - To be discussed at special congregation meeting in December
- Scouts of America - Documents sent out by Bob Muller but not received. Review and comment back yes/no within the next few days. Some outstanding questions to be reviewed
- Staff Job Descriptions - Ongoing; rewording some items for ADA language
- Basement - No concerns.
- Offering Envelopes - Nothing new
- Benevolence Budget
- Budget - Proposed budget at special meeting to be held December 15th with the congregaton. A question was asked concerning the increase due to for building use (page 1?, income)? Difference of \$20, 530.
- A Motion was made to approve proposed budget for 2025. It was moved and seconded by Shannon O'Neill / Bob Muller. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Thank you Carol Schlegel for the time put into working on the budget!
- Constitution & Bylaws -Documents sent out by Bob Muller but not received. Review and comment back yes/no within the next few days.. Some outstanding questions to be reviewed
- New Council Members - Need 13 in all: (Executive Board plus 8)
 - Currently have 17 (now), next year would be exactly 13, understanding the youth representatives will not always be present
 - Do the two youths count or is it just one? Are they full council members? Yes, they are full members and have a vote.
 - A couple names were suggested and Tom Smith will reach out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fellowship Hall Window Ornaments (see above)
- Orkin Exterminator - Carol got Orkin.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Shannon O'Neill.

A motion was made to come out of Executive Session. It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Ken Woods.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Community Outreach Ministry – See report

-Sign-up for the parade looks good.

-Refreshments to be handed out- cookies, hot chocolate, hot dogs

-Shannon O'Neill got lollipops that say "faith, community, service" to be given out

-Shannon recommended the parade go under the guide of the Welcome Committee to help with organizing it. Fellowship Committee?

Pastor Bo- should we have a parade committee? It's an overlapping of several committees. Let's create a temporary committee/team to head the organization. Temp team for specific events like we do for St. John's Day.

-Grace Lutheran visit was successful and increased donations.

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Fellowship – No report
- Hatboro Community Cupboard – See report
- Kids & Family Ministry – No report
 - Prior discussion to install a latch lock on the classroom door is no longer able to be completed. It is against fire code. There needs to be two exits.
 - Advent Family Night is 12/1. The activity will be making salt dough ornaments, and it is a potluck dinner.
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Property – See report
- Social Media – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women's Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – See report

-Joseph & Mary- date is incorrect, should read December 14th

-Discussion of the Christmas tree and Advent wreath being in the way of Joseph for the play. To be figured out at rehearsal

- Should be advertised on sign out front in addition to Christmas Eve schedule

-Christmas Eve schedule out front- when does it go out front? Soon!

- Who is responsible?- Alan

- Live streaming- "switcher studio" Pastor used at his last church; pay for a service and use it to stream. He can have an iPad next to him to use as a camera that is up close and personal (provide a different angle).

- Pulpit mic? Can it be moved to the side of the pulpit so it's not blocking the readers face and allow for a better view to read? Yes.

CORRESPONDENCE:

none

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

CALENDAR:

Caroling is 5:30, not 6:00 12/6

12/14: Will there be an "after party"? Conflict with AA in Fellowship

12/29: Pastor would like to take off 12/29- lessons and carols

Annual Meeting: typically February; will be 2/16 (to avoid the Super Bowl)

NEXT MEETING: Date: December 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Leader: Bob Muller

Scripture: Melanie Boyer

Prayer: Jenn Shaw

Refreshments: Jenn Shaw

*It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Ken Woods to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon O'Neill

