

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 4/22/24

The April Congregation Council Meeting was held on 4/17/24

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Bannister, Ashdon Bobbie, Kiran Bodamer, Melanie Boyer, Alan Divver, CJ Hamilton, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Barbara Quinn, Bruce Roper, Carol Schlegel, Jenn Shaw, Ken Woods, and Louise Woods.

**Absent:** Tom Smith, Anna Sweeney, Maryanne Sweeney

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Muller at 6:57 p.m. The scripture was read by Pastor Bo and the prayer was offered by Barbara Quinn.

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

Mike Gildein from Peters HVAC spoke to Council and Property Committee members regarding the status of our current and future HVAC systems.

A summary of the current condition of our system as well as estimated repair costs to it are listed in their summary which was distributed. It also contains estimates for replacing the current system with newer, government-compliant systems. Mike explained that on a federal level the refrigerant standards are changing and any new equipment will be required to use the new equipment. It is not necessary at this time, to replace equipment that is currently working, but repairs to the current (outdated) system will most likely be cost prohibitive.

The Sanctuary has the largest and oldest equipment. The unit outside is from 2007. Blowers, coils, etc inside the building are from the 1960's. We could expect approximately 25-30% savings in efficiency with new equipment as compared to the old equipment.

The current refrigerant and equipment will be allowed to be continued to be sold up to 2027.

Mike also explained that because the new refrigerant is somewhat flammable, different motors and other electric components will also be necessary with the new refrigerant.

Council thanked the Property Committee and in particular Mike Gildein for taking the time to address Council with this information.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session.

It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Shannon O'Neill.

A Motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Ken Woods.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

\*It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from March 2024 as presented without changes. The motion was made and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Jenn Shaw.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORTS:**

President, Bob Muller – No Report this month

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached. Carol Schlegel also explained that there were delays getting revenue posted into Aplos but is working on tightening up the timeline.

Carol also explained that restricted funds were used when calculating future funds for the February 2024 Annual Meeting. At that time, it was projected that we have a little over three years in our savings if we continue to operate with the current deficit. But if the restricted funds are not included it is really closer to about one year and three months.

General discussion by Council members followed on how to reduce committee budgets (coffee Hour, VBS, etc)

A motion was made that the food pantry funds be moved out of General funds into Citadel CDs

It was moved and seconded by Finance Committee / CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to close the ELCA account and bring it back into our TD money market. It was moved and seconded by Finance / Ken Woods. **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented.

It was moved and seconded by Finance / Louise Woods. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update – Shannon O'Neill explained that the kickoff went well, however there was a couple safety policy violations from the recently implemented safety protocols. Shannon is now working on the ice cream social to be held in July and continues working on the official celebration. She also said that she would like to see the event advertised more.
- Welcome Team Update – Pastor is putting together a spreadsheet of who's here and how many individuals come to the services to better track who has not been around so he can better follow up with people.
- Office Roof Updates – Project has been completed; we are still receiving funds.
- Continuing Resolutions – moved to next month

- Volunteer Training – Completed
- Cleaners Schedule – the Property Committee will review the possible schedules and costs at their 4/23 meeting and submit their recommendation to Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bob Muller explained why we currently do not do live streaming. (Minimal views per week, on line is about half the time than live and it is believed that a shorter service has more potential to be watched.)  
Bob asked if we even want to continue to broadcast as we do. It requires a lot of work and time by Pastor, Michael, and volunteers for the number of people watching. Some people said that they would prefer live streaming. Bob said it would be possible but things would need to be improved (internet speed, sound, copywrite licensure, etc) to have a quality presentation.
- Pastor will be on vacation June 7-12.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Community Outreach Ministry – No report
- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Fellowship – No report
- Hatboro Community Cupboard – See report
- Kids & Family Ministry – Held Child Safety Training in lieu of April meeting/report
- 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

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The County Choraliers request the use of Fellowship Hall for their rehearsals on Monday evenings Sept 9-Nov 18 and Dec 9 2024

The County Choraliers requested the use of the sanctuary for a choral concert as in the past. They also request the use of Fellowship Hall for warm up and reception following the concert on Sunday December 15 from 3:00-6:30 pm

The County Choraliers requested the use of Fellowship Hall for them to conduct music theory lessons for members of the group on Mondays July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 12, 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

The above three County Choraliers requests were approved.

CJ Hamilton is still working with his yoga classes for potentially using Fellowship Hall and will submit a request when he has something more definite.

Shannon O'Neill would like to use Fellowship Hall for troops 81B&G on Monday May 20 7:30-9 for a Court of Honor ceremony.

The request was approved.

**CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

**NEXT MEETING: Date: May 15, 2024**

Meeting Leader: Ashdon Bobbie

Scripture: CJ Hamilton

Prayer: Pastor Bo

Refreshments: Alan Divver

\*It was moved and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Alan Divver to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper