

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 4/20/22

The April Congregation Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 4/20/2022

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Christine Casey, CJ Hamilton, Bob Muller, Bruce Roper, Trish Strauss, and Maryanne Sweeney

Absent: Denise Betz, Melanie Boyer, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, Linda Morrison, Shannon O'Neill

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

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Date: 3/16/22

*The minutes from March were approved with spelling correction. The motion was made and seconded by CJ Hamilton / Trish Strauss **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Pastor also told Council about the Lower Bucks conference being held 5/12/22 at 7:00 p.m. at Advent Lutheran in Richboro. We will reelect the Dean and hold worship workshops at this conference.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kentucky Donations – Harry Betz and Bob Muller will reach out to their contact to have cash donations forwarded. There is \$4,648 in cash donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Muller presented a motion on behalf of the Property Committee to post a total of 10 Parking Lot signs at various locations around the parking lot's perimeter. Signage will state that parking is for church functions only and that other vehicles will be towed at owner's expense.

*It was moved and seconded by Property / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Property Committee made the suggestion to council to remove the stones and stone edging from the small courtyard because the rocks cause clean-up and maintenance of the courtyard to be more difficult than necessary. Council had no objections.

Three Year Planning – A brainstorming session was held with council members for ideas or projects to target for a 3 year plan. Suggestions were:

Digital sign
Christmas pageant
Upgrade website (professional)
Hire a media coordinator/director - responsible for sound/video and live stream service
Market on-line program
Elevator/chair-lift
Outreach to homes (nursing, short term care)
Include Grace Lutheran
Youth group faith in film
Small groups
Bazaar/Flea Market/Craft fair
Corn hole tournament
Midnight Run, distributing food to homeless
Highlight being more welcoming to the unwelcome
Address flooring tiles in the hallway
Hire an associate pastor
Bring back two services on Sundays as attendance grows
More outreach to people within walking distance
Advertise VBS and community events early with outdoor signage
Table-host for Confirmation dinners
Bring back Box City and 30-hour famine and confirmation retreat and sending kids to the National Youth Gathering
Sound acoustic tiles for fellowship hall
Reestablish a visitation team
Sound system in church
Fellowship Hall refresh/renovation
New tables for fellowship hall
Stairwell outside, better lighting/cameras

Bob Muller pointed out that our on-line service has been very small, averaging 12-20 viewers per week and it is a very labor-intensive undertaking. They have reached out to see who's watching but have received very little response. A decision will need to be made at some point whether to continue the program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – No report
- Fellowship – No report

- Finance Report – See Report – Harry Betz also explained that Aplos is being integrated now and expected to be up and running in May.
- 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:

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: Wednesday May 18, 2022

Scripture: Linda Morrison

Prayer: Ashdon Bobbie

Refreshments: Maryanne Sweeney

*It was moved and seconded by Bob Muller / Bruce Roper to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper