

Minutes for Meeting of Congregational Council, August 21, 2022

Jay called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Present were Jay Crone, Carolyn Howard, Pastor Monica, Gail King, Andy Hansbrough, Karl Pedersen, Ed Vigen, Teresa Cassell, Linda Libey, Elaine Belay and Pastor Libby. John Anstrom was not present.

- 1) The agenda was revised to include discussion of needed lighting upgrades in the Little Hokie Hangout. Andy moved and Ed seconded the motion to approve the revised agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Consent Agenda-Andy moved and Gail seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda and the motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Unfinished Business-
 - a) Financials: Although pledged giving is up to date, we are lagging in giving to support our current budget. It was noted that the building has reopened and electric usage is up. The thermostat resets itself 4 times a day and Ed suggested that we monitor the electric bills to note fluctuations in them. We agreed that we need to keep a close watch on giving in the coming months.
 - b) Pig Roast picnic August 28: Karl reported that we will order bulk food items from Hethwood Market and masked and gloved servers will serve the food. We will request that members bring their own beverages or water bottles to fill.
 - c) Lay Ministry Fund: Thanks to a \$2500 donation a fund has been set up to equip persons interested in lay ministry with items needed for their study such as laptops or books.
- 4) New Business-
 - a) The Worship and Music committee recommended that we do not have worship on Christmas Day but that we do have worship on New Year's Day. The council agreed by acclamation.
 - b) Pastor Monica noted that we will conduct our annual congregational meeting on November 13th. At that meeting we will approve the budget for next year and elect new council members. Budget requests need to be to Bill Knocke by September 15th. Council members whose terms on council are up will nominate potential new members.
 - c) The Well: Pastor Libby reported that the goal this year is to focus on rebuilding the campus ministry program with an emphasis on community service. Jody Smiley is the point person for football parking and signups for helpers are coming soon. It is hoped that we can soon begin hosting L Cubed (lunch for students after worship) once a month.
 - d) Little Hokie Hangout Lights: Ed reported that the lights are dim in the hallway in front of the rest-rooms. Bell Electric has submitted a proposal to install new LED fixtures for \$550 including labor. Ed moved that we approve up to \$750 for these repairs using the same funding source as for other LHH repairs. Pastor Monica seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 5) The business meeting closed at 12:34 p.m. to allow the council and committee chairs to have a planning meeting led by Carolyn Howard.