

October 27, 2024 Zoom Council Meeting

Present: Moderator Terry Buchmann, Treasurer Jean Bocker, Secretary Joanne Himebauch, Janine Coley, Beth Petersen, Rae-Ellen Preuss, Michael Zvara. Pastor Mark Hensley joined the meeting at the end of the discussion.

Absent: Karla & Jamie Pennington, Sue Roberts

Jean Bocker greeted us Sunday morning with very good news! Council had tasked Pastor Mark with asking TriSkill if they would agree to pay \$25 - \$50 more next year, and instead TriSkill decided to pay \$125 extra per month starting January 1st, 2025! So TriSkill will pay \$725 per month of rent starting in January. That amounts to \$1500 extra per year.

So Terry and Jean decided to call Council back to look at how we could incorporate this new amount into the budget that we would present at the November 17th business meeting.

Jean thought that it would be nice to give COLA (cost of living adjustment) raises of 2.5% to our organist / choir director and to our custodian. She also reinstated the music fund to \$1500 instead of \$1325 that Joanne had offered at Wednesday night's meeting in order to present a balanced budget to the congregation.

Now we have a small surplus of \$431.66 in our 2025 budget.

Jean moved and Beth seconded to accept the proposed budget changes as presented. Motion carried.

During the meeting, Joanne received a voice mail from Sue Roberts, which she listened to after the meeting. Sue had not been able to join the Zoom call since she had left her phone at her mom's. She wanted her yes vote to be added to the count. Everyone agreed to count Sue's vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Himebauch
Council secretary