

September 11, 2024 Council Minutes

Present: Moderator Terry Buchmann, Moderator-Elect Michael Zvara, Treasurer Jean Brocker, Secretary Joanne Himebauch, Janine Coley, Cindy Luker, Karla Pennington, Jamie Pennington, Beth Petersen

Absent: Pastor Mark Hensley

Terry opened the meeting with a prayer.

Michael moved and Jean seconded to accept the August 14 minutes as amended. David Beilfuss' services are not free. Motion carried as amended.

Devotional time - Pastor Mark sent the devotional to Terry to read. Moses and the burning bush.

New Business:

A/C unit in the pastor's office - Rae-Ellen. We have a 20+ year old unit, which really doesn't work anymore. Menards has them for about \$420. Joanne moved and Michael seconded to approve the purchase of the unit. Motion carried.

Tree removal (burning bush) by front entrance - Rae-Ellen. Rae-Ellen is concerned about how the root system will mess with the wall. We can't get a stump grinder in there, but we can kill it chemically. Jean moved and Michael seconded to let Harlan and friends(?) remove the bush. Motion carried.

Pastoral Search Committee - Jamie. The survey is out and the committee is waiting to compile the results.

Jim Backstrom presentation and request for funds. We discussed their request and decided to send it back to Missions.

Review of Operative ministries - Jean. Jean moved and Janine seconded to disband Easy Worship. Motion carried. We discussed what to do if we have ministry teams which no longer have a team lead (due to having left the church) to run the ministry or to call for disbanding it. Karla suggested that we could ask if anyone in the congregation wants to step up and run these ministry teams. Joanne offered to write an article AV, Adult Education, and Street Evangelism asking for a lead by the end of September. If no one steps up, we can lump the money into New Ministries. Janine will write an amendment to the SOP for forming and ending ministries to add a line about the Council being allowed to disband a ministry if the lead leaves the church and no one else on the team steps up.

Rae-Ellen brought to our attention that Pastor Kevin was our liaison to the Boy Scouts But Greg had stepped up to fill that role for a bit. Cindy Luker was the newest liaison to the Boy

Scouts. At their last meeting the Boy Scouts didn't clean up after themselves. TriSkill's things were not where they belonged the next day, and they had to straighten up the mess left behind. Judi knows the wife of a Scout leader, and she will remind the Scouts to clean up after themselves.

Rae-Ellen thanked Joanne for painting the Sanctuary door.

Jean asked about checking up on the Parsonage. Rae-Ellen, Beth, and Harlan go through it weekly and we also have a service that checks up on keeping the place critter free.

Janine volunteered to help set up for Maxwell Street days at 7 AM on Saturday morning, to avoid a conflict with Karen Thomas' funeral. Jamie agreed to help her.

Janine asked for permission to ask the congregation with Halloween treat bags. We all agreed.

Beth mentioned that at Missions, Pastor Mark would like people to bring in canned goods for a Cornucopia for November to the Food Pantry and the Food for Families. We have 6 families already signed up for Food for Families. (Note: We are currently up to 9 families as of Tuesday, September 24th.)

Closing Prayer - Joanne

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Himebauch
Council Secretary