

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2023

Members Present: Justin Arndt, John Ornes, April Kroeger, Joel Arndt, Arlis Ballwahn, Jerry Von Haden

Absent: Ayawyn Conner, Lori Brueggen, Angie Gruen

Also Present: Nalani Bever

The meeting was called to order by Council President Justin Arndt who opened with prayer.

Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by April Kroeger to accept the minutes of the December 5 meeting. MC

Nalani explained the Financial Reports and presented the January, 2023 bills. She suggested that some of the monies from the General Account be invested at Edward Jones. Motion by Jerry Von Haden, 2nd by John Ornes to invest \$20,000 from the General Account in a 6 month CD at Edward Jones. MC Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Arlis Ballwahn to accept the Financial Reports and pay the January bills. MC

Committee Reports:

Education: A Confirmation date should be set tentatively for May 7 or 21, depending on availability of a pastor. There was consensus that each confirmand be presented with a leather cover Bible as a gift.

Financial: No additional report.

Property: Joel suggested that some of the pews be removed from the back of the church and if possible open the narthex for a more welcoming entrance. Motion by John Ornes, 2nd by April Kroeger that this be done. Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by John Ornes that Steve Brandau move the balcony ceiling opening to better access the bell tower. MC

Social Ministry: Birthday Sunday fellowship will return along with the Noisy Offering for the children.

Worship: The Order of Worship #8 was used beginning today. Nalani will investigate services that may be available for Lenten Worship.

Transition: The Committee will be meeting on Monday, January 9.

Old Business:

Organ Repair: When the ceiling is completed and cleaning is done, installation can begin.

Stair Project: Progress has stalled because of communication difficulties during the Holidays. Justin will continue getting information.

Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held on January 29 to conduct the normal business of the Congregation. There will also be a report from the Transition Committee.

New Business:

Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by April Kroeger to present a budget of \$81,825 to the Congregation for approval. MC

Justin reported that Pastors Dawn & Brad Lindberg have invited St. Paul's Youth to accompany them on a Mission Trip to Kansas City in July. Eva & Katie Gruen, Miranda Arndt and Ayawyn Conner will be going. Motion by John Ornes, 2nd by April Kroeger to pay the \$400 registration fee for each of them. There may be a fundraiser to help with the additional fee of \$230.

The office has been contacted about the availability of the basement to hold a one-time COVID Vaccination Clinic. Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Arlis Ballwahn to allow the clinic. MC

Family Promise has inquired about the possibility of using the basement for housing of homeless families. More information is needed.

Next meeting: February 14 or 21, 2023.

Motion by John Ornes, second by Jerry Von Haden to adjourn the meeting followed by the Lord's Prayer.