

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2023

Members Present: John Ornes, Joel Arndt, Lori Brueggen, Emily Bever, Ayawyn Conner, Barb Bever, Rachel Conner, Kirstin Arndt

Absent: Jerry Von Haden

Also Present: Nalani Bever

The meeting was called to order by Council President John Ornes. Joel Arndt led the opening prayer.

Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Barb Bever to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2022, meeting. MC

Motion by Lori Brueggen, 2nd by Ayawyn to pay the bills for February and March, 2023. MC

Nalani advised she had invested \$52,000.00 from the Garey monies at Edward Jones in a six month CD. The monies had previously been in a low interest money market account, however, since it appears we won't be needing funds immediately the CD was purchased. This falls nicely in the "step ladder" approach of having CD's mature every two months or so. She also withdrew \$3,500.00 from the "various" account; \$2,500.00 (\$1600.00 for mission trip and \$900.00 to put the Youth section in positive balance), and \$1,000.00 for the scholarships which are being paid to students this month.

Nalani also advised the increase in the natural gas bill is most likely caused by rate increases, in that the usage compared to last year is pretty close. With regard to the electric bills, the furnace fans have been operating on a continuous basis and that, coupled with rate increases, are the most likely cause of the increase in the bill compared to last year. The furnace fans are now set on "auto".

John Ornes announced the following committee assignments:

Education	Rachel Conner
Financial	Kirstin Arndt
Property	Jerry Von Haden
Social Ministry	Barb Bever
Worship	Ayawyn Conner

Old Business:

- Organ –The attic entrance has now been moved. Once the side boards and cleaning are completed, Fred Hermes can begin installation of the replacement organ.
- Steps – Nothing to report.
- Transition – Kirstin will touch base with Addison with regard to the next steps.
- Lent – Pastor Horn will lead Ash Wednesday, and the East Conference pastors will lead the remaining Wednesday night services. Pastor Horn will lead Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday will consist of the "Last Supper" reenactment, Good Friday will be a lay led Tenebrae service and Pastor Christine Hallemeier will lead Easter.
- Bibles- Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Ayawyn Conner to purchase bibles for all children that have not received one in the past. MC

New Business:

- Chicken Dinner – April 16 with monies raised for the steps.
- Church Directory – After discussion, the members felt it would be best to wait until the 100 year anniversary of the church building in 2026.
- Confirmation – Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Lori Brueggen to set Confirmation on May 7, 2023. MC
- First Communion – Tabled until a list of students is provided.

The March Council meeting will be held on March 12, 2023.

Motion by Ayawyn Conner, 2nd by Barb Bever to adjourn the meeting, followed by the Lord's Prayer. MC

Emily Bever
Secretary