

Minutes of the June 14, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, President Matt Vanni, Vice-President Linda Davis, Secretary Terrie Porras, Stacy Hansen, Jeff Hines, Jeremy Sallgren, Jim Briar, Chris Nelson, Cindy Smith, Bill Taccolini

Absent: Betty Kohrt, Gail Sieglaff, Kaden Starzynski, Patti Treptow

Present to Report: Judy Raygo, Treasurer Debbie Villas

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:05pm by President Matt Vanni. Matt called for review and approval of agenda. Linda Davis motioned to approve, Cindy Smith seconded, motion carried.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Mark read from The Word in Season, 6/14/2022 devotion.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the May 10th minutes, taken by Betty Kohrt in Terrie's absence. Motion to approve minutes made by Stacy Hansen, seconded by Bill Taccolini, motion carried.

Youth Advisory Council Report: Presented as written by Patti Treptow. See attached report.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed financial reports, nothing unexpected. Finance Committee reviewed a draft Investment Policy submitted by Bruce Peters. The committee recommends council form an Investment Committee. Gary Gustafson is willing to be on this committee, Finance committee will continue to look for qualified candidates to recommend.

Synod Assembly Report: Debbie Villas reported on her experience serving as one of our representatives at Synod this year. She highly recommends that other members volunteer and attend this assembly as it is a very educational and enjoyable experience.

ACTION ITEMS: Old Business – where we've been.

No old business to address

REPORTS – where we are

Youth & Family Ministry Director: Presented as written by Patti Treptow. See attached report.

President's Report: President Matt Vanni presented and led discussion on youth representative attendance. He then asked for discussion on whether or not to have a July meeting. After discussion, Bill Taccolini motioned we not meet as a council in July, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried. Matt asked members to think about possible projects for our God's Work Our Hands activity which will have to be decided and planned at August meeting.

Committee Reports

Youth: Stacy reported their end of year party at Water Tower Park went well. They next meet in August.

Learning: Bill reported they did not meet.

Endowment: Pastor reported they did not meet.

Fellowship: Terrie reported they met today. Birthday calendar updated. Recommend moving Holy Grounds Coffee Fellowship from the Fellowship Hall to the Narthex and hold only after 9am service. Council in agreement. Need hosts, sign-up sheet passed around. Sue Larson and Joanne Magrane cleaned and organized the old sanctuary closet and kitchen pantry. Next meeting in August, will plan Rally Day food

Human Resources: Pastor reported they have not met.

Memorial: Cindy reported they will meet Aug 4.

Outreach: Linda reported they will be handing out Father's Day gifts at Sunday's service; a keychain with mini screwdriver and/or wallet survival card that can be used as various tools. Meet next in August.

Policy & Procedure (P&P): Pastor reported they met last week, are working on Investment Policy.

Property: Jeremy reported; 1. Oven tested by Cindy, still not working. Hank's Refrigeration believes new part will be in by end of the week. Will go forward to replace part. 2. Facia repaired, gutters to go up next. 3. Dorothy Jozwiak overseeing landscape work; flowers around digital sign in, working to remove some bushes. 4. Waiting on supplies (carpet, stair treads) for entry way project. 5. Dorothy Jozwiak and Deb LaCombe interested in grooming butterfly garden. 6. Sprinkler system inspected and maintenance by Menza and Zac. Will program AC thermostats and train Pastor on procedure. 7. Front steps concrete repair completed. 8. Looking for bids to do chimney tuck pointing.

Stewardship: Jeff reported they did not meet.

Worship: Pastor reported they did not meet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented his report as written. Added that he is aware of many non-members attending regularly and will be extending an invitation for them to join.

ACTION ITEMS: New Business – where we are going

Worship Questionnaire Results – Pastor reported on question, should we move to one service (due to decreased attendance) or keep current two services. 101 responded, 69% said yes (move to 1 service), 31% said no (keep 2 services). Since survey, attendance has increased at both 8am and 10am services. Will hold 1 service per week during the summer (as usual) and revisit 1 versus 2 services in August. Regarding holding 2nd Sunday of each month service outside, 181 responded, 75% said yes.

Rally Day / God's Work Our Hands – Confirmed it will be held on Sunday, September 18, at Hennes Park 3rd pavilion. Remember, will have to approve an idea and complete plan at August meeting. **Come prepared with ideas.**

July Meeting – per discussion under President's Report, we will be dark in July.

Long Term Project/Goals – EMMANUEL CARES.

- JULY - Will work with St. Vincent De Paul and The Salvation Army to collect Back to School Supplies. Patti will facilitate collection box be placed in Narthex.
- AUG - Will collect Hygiene Kits for the UP-Foster Closet.
- SEP – To be determined.
- OCT - Will partner with the Endowment Committee to support the new "Build Bridges for Recovery" program (new center for addiction recovery). This program is just starting up and needs a lot of help.

Linda was asked about the Choir Dinner – she reported it went well. The Landing did not charge for the room so they stayed in budget. Also, she went through the music closet in the choir room and found a lot of good music so will not need to buy any music for next year (fall 2022 – spring 2023).

President Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on a **motion** by himself (Matt), seconded by Cindy, motion carried. Pastor Mark closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrie Porras, Council Secretary