

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 19, 2024, Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Kevin Solberg, Sandy McCarthy, Jim Lemaux, Deb Zimmer, Heidi Beckham, Jenny Jenkins, Ronnie Whitman, Mark Templet Russ Larson, Chris Lake. Staff: Jill Waldrop, Diana Frederick, John Burkwall

Absent: None

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Sandy McCarthy who presided until Kevin was able to join the group.
- B. PC opened with prayer.
- C. Consent of agenda and minutes
 1. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Jim Lemaux, seconded by Russ Larson. Motion passed.
 2. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mark Templet, seconded by Jim Lemaux. Motion passed.
- D. Financial report for July was given by Jim Lemaux.
 1. July income was \$73,571.84
 2. Total expenses were \$42,363.68
 3. Net \$31,207.16
 4. In checking account \$37,729 (keeping in mind that we had a large influx of funds from one family)
 5. Owed to seeds is \$181,993
 6. Dedicated funds mentioned were the following:
 - i. King's Embrace \$4,415.95
 - ii. Disaster Relief from Synod \$165.12 and more should come says PC
 - iii. Seeds & Endowment \$59,520 so \$80,440 in liquid assets to borrow from
 - iv. Seminary Scholarship Balance (883.40) We have fully funded Bunny's ordination
 - v. Total dedicated funds balance was \$93,114.83
 - vi. Pledged offering and non-pledged offering was \$63,232.80 which is \$31,232.80 behind.
 - vii. Dennis wanted us to put his donation into a money market, but Jim is concerned about our upcoming new insurance cost, because with that we have a balance of \$41,502.84
 - viii. Ikeria's hours will be less because she has another job now too.
 - ix. Water leak has been repaired.
 - x. Summer internship amount will be moved to adult ministries since that position is now vacant.
 7. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Sandy McCarthy and seconded by Mark Templet. Motion passed.
- E. Pastoral report
 1. Brend Klotz & John Heyde passed away this past month so funerals for them will be coming up.
 2. Bunny and all were pleased with her ordination.
 3. Bogart Nomad's family have been very pleased with the reception that they have received at our church in regards mostly the kindness shown their Down's Syndrome child.

4. Two weeks ago, PC met with the pastor at the Livingston church to discuss their situation. It came up that they needed someone to preach this past Sunday, so he offered to do that. That was much appreciated. PC is hoping to get Bogart over there as a deacon and at our church for preaching/teaching to divide up his salary.
5. PC is still collecting the generators and air conditioners that were loaned out for the Beryl storm.

F. Old business

1. Insurance Policy and Liability Update – Russ has been working on this because we had been told that our current insurance would be canceled the end of this month, because they had been hit hard with all of the weather-related damages so are pulling out of the area. We had been paying between \$16,000 and \$17,000. We've now gotten two quotes (\$40,000 with more restrictions and \$46,000 which is a little more inclusive). Both have \$1,000,000 directors liability coverage. They need 35% down payment so will be quite costly and needs more research.
 - i. Dennis McConnell has someone in the field that will look at it. Many felt that the higher priced one would be better. It covers workmen's comp so we would not need to have another policy for that. Russ asked those going forward with this, that he would appreciate knowing it and what they are finding.
 - ii. Ronnie said that she would complete paperwork needed for the Insurance Board Thursday afternoon. Then she offered to call them too. Pastor said that he and Jill will try to finish it for her to call.
 - iii. Jim will need two signatures on a check if needed.
 - iv. A motion was made by Jim Lemaux to empower the final decision for which insurance to get to Russ, Ronnie, Sandy, and PC as our representatives to be met by the end of the month deadline. Jenny seconded. Motion passed.
2. Building Usage and Rental Policy will be tabled. Jill said that she still needs some pricing to be given so Deb said to give her specifically what she needs, because they had given her some, but don't know what else is needed.
3. The Financial Audit group met two weeks ago but are still working on it.
4. Lake Livingston Church was reported on earlier.

G. New business

1. Bingo debriefing – Jill doesn't have all of the expenses but thinks that we came out ahead but not much. The consensus was that it would be fun to do again but have the congregation donate some of the things that cost money.
2. Bunny's ordination was discussed earlier.
3. New members - Deb made a motion to accept the ten new members introduced Sunday July 28th – Phillip, Katie, Noah, and Simon Pickard; Ruth Richards; Samuel, Amanda, and Riley Shankle; Magdalena Shen; and Evelyn Alexander. Sandy McCarthy seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Nothing was mentioned for Adopt a Project.

H. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Deb Zimmer, Secretary