

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Kevin Solberg, Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Secretary Russ Bliese, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Pastor Chris, Deb Zimmer, Mark Templet, Pat Rowe, and Heidi Beckham. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green and John Burkwall.

Absent: Peggy Little and Tom Gros

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:30 PM. Pastor Chris started the meeting with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Lemaux and seconded by Zimmer. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (March 20, 2023) Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Templet. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: No discussion.

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (March 2023)
Lemaux presented the financial report for March. The March income was \$39,415 and expenses were \$42,717 for a shortfall of \$3,302. No money was taken from SEEDS and there was no money put back into

SEEDS. Lemaux will discuss with Little about putting \$10,000 back into SEEDS in May. The Balance Sheet shows \$38,000 in cash on hand in checking. The mortgage is below 1.1 million. The Dedicated Funds are OK. Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Pastor Chris to accept the financial report. All were in favor and the motion passed. Lemaux will run a four month report on the finances and present at the next council meeting. The building expenses are up and a review will be made to see if an adjustment will need to be made for the YMCA to increase their fees.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that Easter went well with 258 people in the pews. There are congregation health issues plus other problems. Pastor Chris will be doing communion at Texas Lutheran University net Sunday evening.

F. Old Business

- I. RIC Update: Congregation meeting on May 7th.
- II. Kings Embrace: Pastor Chris raised \$31,800 to help with the water well. So far they have received \$15,000. Projections were for \$20,000 for the well, \$2500 for teachers expenses and \$2500 for travel. There were voltage regulator purchase and other expenses to help with the facility.

- III. Lutherhill: Green stated that 11 children have signed up so far.
- IV. Paideia: Pastor Chris will talk with them regarding fees for next year.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: No new members to report. Possibly two new families will be joining.
- II. Adopt A Project: The cost for a drum light (11) is approximately \$115 each. The speakers are twenty years old and will need to be upgraded. The total cost will be determined upon a price for the speakers.
- III. Council Retreat: Will it be needed or will there just be a get together. Will be discussed at the next council meeting.
- IV. Octoberfest: Need someone to take the lead.
- V. Anything Else: Nothing else.

H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm after the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary