

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, August 21, 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, John Burkwall and Ikeria Green.

Absent: Peggy Little and Tom Gros

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:32 PM.
Pastor Chris started the meeting with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by McCarthy and seconded by Rowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (July 17, 2023) Motion: Pastor Chris and seconded by Beckham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: No discussion.

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (July 2023)
Lemaux presented the financial report for July. The July income was \$42,392 and expenses were \$43,131 for a shortfall of \$739. Lemaux will have Little send \$10,000 from checking to SEEDS in August. Income for the

month of July was the best month this year. Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Pastor Chris to accept the financial report. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that he is in FaceBook jail and does not know the reason. There have been several members with assorted illnesses. Ed Johnson's wife Bea passed away two weeks ago. Pastor Chris was advised that nothing will happen with Pat Voelz until 2025 with the backlog at Arlington Cemetery. Pastor is planning on traveling to Kenya in February 2024 with several other members going also. Jenny Jenkins will lead the stewardship program this year starting in September. The AC is out in the office area and two portable AC units were purchased to keep the Office Manager happy.

F. Old Business

- I. RIC Update: Solberg is unable to find any references with the organization.
- II. Kings Embrace: All previous work done is holding up (roof/ power). This year's crop was excellent with a 12 month supply of maze.
- III. Paideia: Started classes today.
- IV. Oktoberfest- Deb Zimmer has taken the lead with the date being 10/21 from 4-7pm.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: Three new members, John Heyde, Shirley Park and Regeana Pezel. A motion was made by Lemaux to accept the new members and was seconded by Beckham. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Adopt A Project: AC-15 ton coil needed and waiting on parts. Two portable AC's were purchased for \$1,000 and placed in Jill and Pastor Chris office. Upgraded fire alarms will be purchased for \$300 with monitoring at \$50 a month. Five cameras are needed for the playground area and around the building at the cost of \$170 each. The sprinkler system will need to be pressure tested with a cost of around \$1,000. A motion was made by McCarthy and seconded by Lemaux to purchase the needed items. The congregation was asked to help with the cost of these items for a total of \$15,000. The congregation came through to the tune of \$22,000.
- III. Change Date of Congregational Meeting: A motion was made by Zimmer and seconded by Lemaux to change the date of the congregational meeting to 01/28/2024. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Anything Else: An update to the Wedding Policy will need to be reviewed and updated.

H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary