

## Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 15, 2023 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Kevin Solberg, Secretary Russ Bliese, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Vice President Sandy McCarthy, Pastor Chris, Mark Templet, Peggy Little and Heidi Beckham. Visitor Jill Waldrop, John Burkwall, Ikeria Green. Also present were the three nominated council members Jennifer, Russ and Ronnie.

Absent: Deb Zimmer, Pat Rowe and Tom Gros

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order @ 6:33pm.  
Pastor Chris started the meeting with a prayer.

### B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Beckham and seconded by Templet. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (December 18, 2023)  
Motion made by Lemaux and seconded by McCarthy.  
All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: No discussion.

### D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (December 2023)  
Lemaux presented the financial report for December.  
The balance sheet showed assets of 3.42 million and

1.2 million in liabilities. The dedicated funds balance is \$88,980. The December income was \$37,585 and expenses were \$43,455 for a shortfall of \$5,870. No SEEDS money was borrowed or paid back in December. Motion to accept the financial report was made by McCarthy and seconded by Templet All were in favor and the motion passed.

The revenue and expenses for 2023 were \$525,795 and expenses were \$523,688 for a net \$2,106. A review of the 2024 budget was conducted. Pledged and non-pledged offerings are estimated at \$446,656, miscellaneous income at \$23,950 and other income at \$52,000 for total income of \$528,606. Expenses are projected at \$548,369 for a shortfall of \$19,763. A motion to accept the 2024 budget was made by Pastor Chris and seconded by Little. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported they will try to live stream the congregational meeting on 1/28. Diana Fredricks will be starting in February working with the youth. Diana has a Christian Education degree and has taken over the confirmation students. Ikeria will be traveling to New Orleans along with the two Lake girls to attend the National Youth Workers Convention. Pastor Chris's mother is scheduled for back surgery on Feb 20. This was when Pastor was to be in Kenya. If the surgery goes as scheduled, Pastor will postpone his trip to March or April. The other individuals scheduled to go to Kenya will still go in February. The Scrivners advised Pastor

Chris that they will be moving to Dallas to be closer to their children. They have been members for 30 plus years. We will add new mobility parking spots to the parking lot and move the visitor parking area down into the main parking area.

#### F. Old Business

- I. Kings Embrace: Trip planned in February 2024. Ronnie still going.
- II. Paideia: The school sent a check in December.
- III. A/C and Adopt a Project: Pictures will be taken and shown at the congregational meeting in January of all the projects completed.
- IV. Legacy Gift Finalization: The \$25,000 received from the Voltz was accepted and council voted to send \$1500 to ELCA, \$1000 to Prince De Paz Church in Houston for assistance in A/C repairs and the remaining funds to the Endowment Fund. A motion was made by McCarthy and seconded by Beckham all were in favor and the motion passed.
- V. New Council Member Candidates: Ronnie Jenny and Russ have agreed to be the new council members for 2024. The congregation will vote on this on 1/28.

#### G. New Business

- I. New Members: None for December. The total new members for 2023 was 14.
- II. Adopt A Project: The final fire inspection is needed.

III. Anything Else: Lemaux recommended the church have an audit conducted on the finances. This will be done by church members.

H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary