

Tree of Life Church Council Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2021 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Jack Zimmer, Vice-President Kevin Solberg, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Financial Secretary Heidi Beckham, Secretary Russ Bliese, Sandy McCarthy, Tom Gros, Richard Schaper, Julie Timmins, Peggy Little, Pat Rowe, Pastor Chris Lake

Visitors: Office Manager Jill Waldrop

A. President Jack Zimmer called the meeting to order@ 6:32 PM and Pastor Chris opened with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda
 - II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (December 21, 2020)
 - III. Motion: Ratify New Members: Cathy and Dan Jackson
- MOTION: Solberg moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Gros seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (December 2020)
Lemaux reviewed the December financial statement, indicating that the December offering was \$40,743 and expenses were \$48,917. A check for \$5,000 was presented to Bunny Stoutes from the Dedicated

Memorial funds. \$4,600 was borrowed from SEEDS but will be paid back. Income for the year was \$25,780 more than expenses. An attempt will be made to reduce funds that are owed to SEEDS.

MOTION: Little moved to accept the Financial Report and Pastor Chris seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

II. Stimulus Package PPP Update on Grant

Lemaux reported there is no word yet on “payback” of the PPP grant. Lemaux advised that TOL would not qualify for a second grant as there was not a reduction in income of 25% that is required to qualify for a second grant.

III. Budget 2021

Lemaux advised that there was no change in the 2021 budget that was presented to the congregation the previous day.

D. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris advised that there have been members who have been sick and that the church lost member Shirley Wilkins. Shirley’s son has not advised the church if there will be a service at TOL or not and when. Pastor Chris will be back in town on Friday after driving Bunny Stoutes to Iowa. Pastor Chris and Bishop Mike will be performing the funeral service for Jim Voelz at Arlington Cemetery in Washington D.C next week. Pastor Chris will also be receiving his booster vaccine for COVID next week. Jill Waldrop is now a full-time employee with benefits. Pastor Chris is gearing up for Lent and stated there will be no imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Members

will be receiving ashes at home. Upon Pastor Chris returning from Washington D.C., the process of installing the stained-glass project in the church will begin. The church will have to replace some of the staff lost this past year and Bunny Stoutes has expressed an interest in helping out on a part time basis while in Iowa. Since the loss of Stoutes, the youth have been managed by volunteers. There is currently no single point of contact.

Everything is running smoothly with the Mutual Ministry Committee.

E. Old Business

I. COVID Task Force Update

Everything is going well during the church service on Sunday. There has been no spread of COVID at the church. One individual was asked to leave the Christmas Eve service after refusing to wear a mask. Sign up for Sunday worship will continue with room for more people to attend.

II. Congregational Meeting Review

Overall, everything went well. There were a few technical difficulties to start the meeting.

III. Memorial Walk/ Prayer Path Update

The brochure was reviewed. There is a local individual Steven Squires, who would be able to do the laser engraving. There will need to be a process in place to review what would go on the memorial stone/brick. The church does have extra stones and the sizes are 6"x6",

6"x9" and 12"x12". Discussion was held on a price to charge for the different sizes of stone. Bliese made a motion that was seconded by Lemaux to set the price of a 6"x6" stone at \$250, a 6"x9" stone at \$500 and a 12"x12" stone at \$1,000. All were in favor and the motion passed.

F. New Business

I. Garage Sell 2021

Solberg reported that there is an individual that handles estate sells/garage sells for a percentage of the items sold. This individual would handle everything from setting up, pricing and selling for 30% commission. They would use the one building to set up in (not sanctuary). This would take place over two Saturdays and one Monday. The individual would like to do this at the end of February or the beginning of March 2021. A motion by Zimmer and seconded by Timmins was made to accept the offer and schedule a date. After discussion there was a motion to refer by Timmins and seconded by McCarthy to refer this matter to the COVID Committee and their scheduled meeting on 1/19/2021. The motion to refer was approved and all were in favor.

2021 Planning Retreat If, Where, When

Due to COVID uncertainty, this matter was delayed until the second quarter.

G. Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM and Pastor Chris closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary