

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 20, 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, Tom Gros and Heidi Beckham. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green and John Burkwall.

Absent: Peggy Little

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:3 PM. K Solberg started the meeting with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

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

C. Discussion Agenda:

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (February 2023)
Lemaux presented the financial report for February. The February income was \$37,096 and expenses were \$39,564 for a shortfall of \$2,467. SEEDS was repaid

\$8,000. Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Solberg to accept the financial report. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that he was working on getting through Lent. The Wednesday suppers were successful and there was good participation. Repairs were being made around the church. Ed Johnson is under hospice care. Miller is doing better and Pastor is making calls on Monday to the congregation members. Other members and family members are having medical issues. There is a large group of high school students applying to work at Luther Hill this Summer. There will be a guest pastor for Palm Sunday- Carry Nelson and Bishop Mike will preach on Easter Sunday. More discussion on RIC.

F. Old Business

- I. RIC Update: Will need to bring before the congregation for discussion in April or the first part of May before the Synod votes. Pastor thinks we can defer with no recommendation. The vote is for the Synod Office and not what TOL thinks or what they want SYNOD to do. Possible date of congregation meeting being May 7.
- II. Kings Embrace: The cost of the water well is higher than what we were told. Kings Embrace will cover the added expense.

- III. Lutherhill- Green stated that 12 children have signed up so far with the possibility of another child being added. There are three families that need assistance to send their kids to camp with several families going to assist these families.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: The Swatzel family, Keith, Lisa, Karina, Selena and Alvin have joined the church. A motion was made by Zimmer and seconded by McCarthy to accept the Swatzel family as new members. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Adopt A Project: A new camera costing \$400 is needed for the sanctuary. The church can afford it and a motion was made by Zimmer and seconded by Lemaux to purchase the camera. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- III. RIC: More information will be needed before a decision is made.
- IV. Anything Else: It was discussed that TOL have a Octoberfest instead of a Fall Festival. Further discussion at a later council meeting. Additional mulch is needed for the playground area. The YMCA may assist in the purchase as 6" is needed. Bliese will contact the previous supplier for a bid.

- H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm after the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary