

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 17, 2023, PM Zoom Meeting

Members Present: President Kevin Solberg, Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Deb Zimmer, Mark Templet, Heidi Beckham, Pat Rowe. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green

Absent: Secretary Russ Bliese, Pastor Chris, Peggy Little, Tom Gros

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.
- B. Kevin Solberg opened with prayer.
- C. Consent of agenda and minutes
 1. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Jim Lemaux, 2nd by Sandy McCarthy. Motion passed
 2. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Sandy McCarthy, 2nd by Mark Templet. Motion passed.
- D. Discussion of agenda: No visitors to present new business. Due to Pastor Chris's absence no recognition of his years of service during this time.
- E. Financial report given by Jim Lemaux:
 1. May income averaged \$48,600 and June income averaged 39,500. Other Revenue included about \$2100 from memorials along with money for Luther Hill participants and T shirts. For June, this was good, said Jim.
 2. May expenses were about \$40,400 and June expenses were about \$41,850
 3. May had an overage of \$8,200 and June had a shortfall of about \$2300.
 4. Cash on hand: April about \$27,000; May about \$33,200, and June about \$31,000.
 5. Mortgage continues to go down now about \$1,084,000.
 6. Seeds cash on hand: \$10,000, owed: \$169,493.
 7. Sandy made the motion to approve the financial report. Mark seconded. Motion passed
- F. A pastoral report was not given since he was out ill.
- G. Old Business
 1. King's Embrace – Application being sent out to visit there in April. Pastor will not be going on this one.
 2. Paideia School will start back in August.

3. Lutherhill: Ikeria reported that 10 children attended, relationships developed, and pictures were taken by Diana Frederick and her. VBS: Ikeria reported that 18 children were there plus two walk-ins, 20-30 volunteers helped out.
4. Octoberfest: Kevin asked if it should be made public or just a church event. Thoughts were that it should be just church event the first time to see what works. We can do a banner that will attract some outsiders, but that's all. We need leaders. If people want to bring their own alcohol, can, but not offered.
5. RIC Update – still discussing and thinking about the congregation being a part of this. Some people, per Kevin, are questioning whether this organization supports puberty blockers. If so, they disagree. Kevin says he hasn't seen anything concerning that but will do more research.

H. New Business

1. New Members: Deb reported that Dee and Barb Myall joined June 11th. The motion was made by Jim to accept these new members and seconded by Pat. Motion passed.
 2. Adopt a project: Jill reported that many things have broken down over the month so would like to include them in a list for the congregation to adopt for purchase or repair. Some have already been taken care of but the money for them is still needed. Jim said that we have access to \$30,000 to start movement right away. Items listed were the following:
 - i. Urinal
 - ii. Kitchen refrigerator (Mark will call Jimmy Rogers to see if he knows someone & Kevin and Jim may have a friend that could help
 - iii. AC office area
 - iv. Water pipe
 - v. Garbage disposal
 3. There was nothing else added
- I. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Zimmer