

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, October 16, 2023 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Kevin Solberg, Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Secretary Russ Bliese, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Pastor Chris, Tom Gros, Mark Templet, Pat Rowe, and Heidi Beckham. Visitor Jill Waldrop, John Burkwall and Ikeria Green.

Absent: Peggy Little and Deb Zimmer

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:33 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 (September 18, 2023)
Motion: Templet and seconded by Lemaux. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: No discussion.

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (September 2023)
Lemaux presented the financial report for September. The September income was \$32,180 and expenses were \$40,602 for a shortfall of \$8422. No SEEDS money was borrowed or paid back in September.

Facebook payout was \$2,620 and this will be used for the upcoming trip by Pastor Chris to Kenya. Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Templet to accept the financial report. All were in favor and the motion passed. A Legacy gift from the Voelz family in the amount of \$25,000 was received. A motion to accept this gift was made by Pastor Chris and seconded by Templet. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that nothing major has happened in the past month. There are two weddings being planned in the church for next year. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year and there will only be a pre-recorded service at 10:30am. There will be several Christmas Eve services that evening. Pastor Chris and Templet have been hard at work fixing things at the church. Pastor Chris is scheduled to leave for Kenya on 2/19/2024 and return on 3/1/2024. The last three weeks, the services have ran a little long, Pastor will work on making the service a little shorter. The A/C coils are enroute.

F. Old Business

- I. Kings Embrace: Trip planned in February 2024.
- II. Paideia: Everything going OK.
- III. Oktoberfest- Deb Zimmer sent out a list of volunteers and their assignments.
- IV. A/C and Adopt a Project: Coils are enroute. Cameras and lights are up and working. No news on concrete

repair and need estimate. Prince of Peace church in Houston is having A/C issues. Further discussion to send them some money. Received a \$2500 dedicated donation that will be used for a new computer.

- V. New Council Member Candidates: Russ, Ronnie and Jenny are potential new council members.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: None
- II. Adopt A Project: Nothing to discuss.
- III. Anything Else: Susan Rinehart works 8-10 hours a week doing the visual and power point. She is paid \$250 a month. A salary adjustment is needed. A motion by Rowe and seconded by Gros to raise Susan's salary to \$500 a month was made. All were in favor and the motion passed with an effective date of 11/1/2023.

- H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary