

# Tree of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 19, 2024, PM Zoom Meeting

Members Present: Kevin Solberg, Sandy McCarthy, Jim Lemaux, Deb Zimmer, Heidi Beckham, Jenny Jenkins, Russ Larson, Chris Lake. Staff: John Burkwall, Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green, Diana Frederick

Absent: Ronnie Whitman, Mark Templet

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.
- B. Kevin Solberg opened with prayer.
- C. Consent of agenda and minutes
  1. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Sandy MaCarthy, seconded by Jim Lemaux. Motion passed.
  2. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Jim Lemaux, seconded by Sandy McCarthy. Motion passed.
- D. Motion to approve new secretary, Deb Zimmer, was made by Russ Larson and seconded by Jenny Jenkins. Motion passed.
- E. Financial report for January was given by Jim Lemaux
  1. Assets were shown as \$3,464,118 and 1,332,694 in liabilities.
  2. Dedicated funds were listed at \$89,471.
  3. Income was shown to be \$79,200.76 which is high for the average monthly income due to total yearly giving by members done just this month.
  4. Expenses were shown as 48,777 for an overage of \$30,423.
  5. Seeds balance was shown at \$73,532 with book value of \$233,026. Money owed to Seeds is \$159, 493. No Seeds money was borrowed or paid back in January.
  6. Question came up for Diana and Jill's Continuing Education and mileage allowance. This was tabled due to the need for their discussion with Pastor.
  7. Jim's suggestion of having a financial audit done by some members of the congregation was addressed. Pastor suggested to ask Rick Grabowski, Bernadette McCracken, and Jim Russ.
  8. Motion was made to accept the financial report by Kevin Solberg, seconded by Sandy. Motion passed.
- F. Pastoral report
  1. YMCA – they are not coming back this summer. Pastor said that it would have been nice if we were told that last fall when we were both planning our budgets. So that will hurt us financially. There may be others out there that would like to use the space. For example, Jill said that the National Youth Theatre group wanted to use the building more so at the time, had to say no. She will get back with them.

2. Jill suggested that the Policies and Procedures handbook be updated concerning the building rental.
3. Pastor went to Missouri for the family of Larry Scrivner to perform his memorial service that was today and back tonight.
4. Pastor's mother will be having an extensive surgery tomorrow which he will be there for.
5. Diana and Ikeria will be working on getting a summer intern to help with youth.
6. We need to narrow down who will be going to synod assembly. The people mentioned were Dennis McConnell and Jenny Jenkins. It will be at Lord of Life this year.

#### G. Old Business

1. King's Embrace Update – trip was set back for Pastor until April, but Ronnie Whitman and two other ladies were able to go. They will be gone about ten days.
2. Paideia Update – Sandy suggested that we catch up the new council members as to where we stand with them. Jim covered the financial aspect with them. In summary, they are behind in their payment and don't seem able to pay. Therefore, if they are unable to meet that criterion, it was brought up to suggest they go somewhere else. Kevin asked Jim to check with them on where they stand.
3. Congregational meeting recap – all went well with no questions and an extra kudos was given to Jim Lemaux for the fine financial report.

#### H. New Business

1. New Members – Deb said none this past month, but that we have a class scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> and people signed up to attend.
2. Adopt a Project – a positive change has been made with the parking due to someone making that suggestion. So many people have been appreciative that it was mentioned to bring that to the congregations attention. Improvements are made if suggestions are given.
3. Final fire sprinkler inspection is needed and will be set up by Mark Templet.

Respectfully submitted  
Deb Zimmer, Secretary