

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 16, 2023, PM Zoom Meeting

Members Present: President Kevin Solberg, Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Pastor Chris, Deb Zimmer, Mark Templet, Peggy Little, Heidi Beckham, Pat Rowe, Tom Gros. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green, John Burkwall

Absent: Secretary Russ Bliese

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.
- B. Pastor Chris opened with prayer.
- C. Consent of agenda and minutes
 1. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Sandy McCarthy, 2nd by Pastor Chris. Motion passed
 2. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mark Templet, 2nd by Jim Lemaux. Motion passed.
- D. Discussion of agenda: No discussion.
- E. Financial reports:
 1. Jim Lemaux presented the year-end report with the balance ending on a high note of \$37,000 in the black. This was due to the extra giving in December of \$75,000 which included two families giving #45,000 of that. So, no money was borrowed from SEEDS in December.
 - i. Question on Pastor's pay balance – Jill said that a question came up on pay entry but found paid correctly.
 - ii. Mortgage payment doing well
 - iii. Undescribed credit card charges were resolved
 - iv. 2022 budget pledge came in at \$227,328 with actual being \$250,346 (10% over); non-pledge came in at \$168,856 with actual \$171,940 (2% over). Discussion – since we came out ahead, should we add more to the draft budget. If we do increase, we can re-evaluate in 4 or 5 months. Discussion was made to increase 1% on the pledged amount and 5% on the non-pledged amount. This shows we are having faith it will increase, but also borders on realistic expectation.
 2. After the previous discussion the 2023 budget being proposed will be about \$470,000 revenue, budget about 487,000 so leaving a shortfall of about \$17,000. Mark Templet made the motion to accept the proposed budget, Peggy seconded. Motion passed.

F. Pastoral report

1. Pastor reported that he will be gone three weeks to King's Embrace in Africa. Preachers during that time will be Reverend Scott Cigich, Bishop Mike Rinehart, and Matt Kindsvatter. There will be no communion that third week due to the fact that we will not have an ordained pastor present.
2. Church dumpster increasing their cost to \$700/month. Jill had been working on getting out of the contract, but Waste Management has been difficult to deal with. It is possible to sign a new contract for \$200/month but will go up again so looking into other alternatives. In six months, this should be looked at again.
3. Security gate is installed. It looks nice and works well. Jimmy Rogers paid for the installation and material.

G. Old business, King's Embrace Update

1. King's Embrace update: Fund raiser brought in \$30,000, we had promised \$20,000, wrote check for \$15,000 to them, about \$5,000 being spent to purchase items to take there to install and use while there. The big problem to look at there will be the functioning of the well.

H. New Business

1. Paideia will be adding two more days during each week so will be paying \$1100 more per month. Their contract ends in May (so until then paying \$2600/month). (YMCA comes in June. They pay \$100/day.) Pastor made the motion to accept the school meeting four days a week at \$2600 per month. Jim Lemaux so moved. Pat Rowe seconded. Motion passed. Other building uses coming up are on Friday evenings the National Youth Theatre for \$150 each time and Saturday mornings for \$200 each time for 8 weeks (\$2800 total)
2. New council members were discussed and decided to not ask anyone at this time.
3. New church members given by Deb Zimmer are Jeff and Angela Mabrey. Kevin Solberg made the motion to accept them into the congregation. Deb so moved; Pat Rowe seconded. Motion passed
4. Adopt a project discussed having none for now but will need two computers in the future.
5. Nothing else.

I. Pastor closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Zimmer,

Acting Secretary