

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Secretary Russ Bliese, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Pastor Chris, Deb Zimmer, Pat Rowe, Julie Timmins, Heidi Beckham, and Mark Templet. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green, John Burkwall and Mark Danney.

Absent: Peggy Little and Kevin Solberg

Amended 10/17/22 – Julie Watson (formerly Timmins) was not present.

A. Vice President McCarthy called the meeting to order@ 6:30 PM. Pastor Chris started the meeting with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Lemaux and seconded by Zimmer. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (August 16, 2022) Motion: Templet and seconded by Rowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: Mark Danney advised council on the upcoming Stewardship Program to start on 9/19. On 9/25, Solberg will announce to the congregation the program and letters will then go out with a pledge card. Faith Hope Love and Joy will be the weekly themes. On 10/2, Danney will introduce the program to the congregation.

D. Financial Reports

I. Monthly statements (August 2022)

Lemaux presented the financial report for August 2022. Total income for July was \$30,276. An additional \$5,000 was borrowed from SEEDS. Total expenses were \$41,141 for a deficit of \$10,865. Lemaux stated that two CD's were liquidated for \$45,000. The water bill for the month was \$1100. Kings Embrace had \$8,600 in contributions. The WELCA had \$1,500. The estimated shortfall for 2022 was projected at \$42,000. The 2023 budget is in the planning stage. John Stephenson is contemplating going to the seminary. Lemaux made a motion to assist Stephenson with course work should he decide to go into the seminary. Zimmer seconded the motion and all were in favor. A motion was made by Rowe to accept the financial report and the motion was seconded by Pastor Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Adopt a project: Nothing to discuss.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that there is a funeral scheduled for 10/1. PC also sold a memorial stone today to Ms. Cartwright. There are ongoing issues with technical problems during the services. Confirmation is planned out and Sunday School is active. We have a new bi-racial couple that have joined the

church. (Amended 10/17/22: the couple has not officially joined TOL, but plans to.)

The Methodist Church has voted not to have gay/lesbian clergy in the church. TOL will welcome them. A members granddaughter is homeless and temporarily staying in the trailer behind the church until 10/1. Bunny will be in town in October and will preach a sermon. The PC fundraiser is still ongoing and contributions are coming in to drill a well for Kings Embrace.

F. Old Business

- I. Paideia Classical School Update: HDMI has been installed in all classrooms. Visitors will need to go to the church office to get a pass to visit the school.
- II. Kings Embrace Update- PC will be having a golf fundraiser by playing 49 holes in one day at three different courses. Jim Rust will be speaking with the water well people.
- III. Financial Audit Update: Nothing to report.
- IV. WELCA Dedicated Fund. Is currently not active with no leader. They will disband with \$1522.00, of this money, 10% will go to WELCA, 0% to Women's Ministry and 30% to charity- Women's Shelter. A motion was made by to reallocate the funds to the general fund by Zimmer and seconded by PC. All were in favor and the motion passed.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: Zimmer stated that there are three couples planning on joining the church.

II. Anything Else: Nothing to discuss.

H. Pastor Chris led the closing with the Lord's Prayer and McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary