



**December 19, 2023
Church Council Meeting**

Council Members Present: Pastor Frank Espegren, Andrew Ford, Chris Dawson, Dan Maloney, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joan Slabaugh, Joel Kimmelshue, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Eytcheson, Rita Blomster,

Council Members Absent: Zhiwei Yu

Guests Present: Pastor Amy Kienzle, Pastor Jon Haug, Linda Baldwin, Catherine Slabaugh, Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotion** - Pastors Jon & Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
 - a. November minutes presented for review and approval.
 - b. Minor correction from Linda Baldwin, accepted by Andrew.
 - c. Motion to approve, as corrected by Andrew, 2nd by Jo. Motion passed unopposed with 2 abstentions.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
 - a. Audit Update
 - o Audit of 2022 financials continues, expected to present results during the January Council meeting.
 - b. Executive Committee
 - o Discussions continue about the Transition Committee.
 - c. Senior Pastor
 - o Report as filed.
 - d. Financial Report
 - o Received unexpected \$20,000 bequest. Recommendation of the Finance Committee and Treasurer is to add it into the General Fund.
 - o \$450,000 invested into T-Bills, per Finance Committee recommendation and Treasurer's guidance.
 - o Both actions approved by Council by unanimous consent.
 - o Current cash balance: \$789,145 (total T-Bill investment: \$489,963)
 - General Operating Fund
 - November Revenue: \$144,662
 - November Expenses: \$117,089
 - November General Operating Net Income: \$27,573
 - YTD General Operating Net Income: (\$102,249)
 - e. Administration
 - o Report as filed.
 - f. Resource Strategy Committee
 - o Committee working on Feasibility Studies that will be presented to Council in January.
 - g. Youth & Family Ministries Committee
 - o Volunteer recruiting continues.
 - o January 7th and 14th events focused on all-ages community and education.

Unrestricted

5. Action items

- a. 2024 Budget
 - Finance Committee unanimously agreed to approve the 2024 budget.
 - Kurt made a motion to approve the 2024 budget as proposed, 2nd by Joel
 - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- b. Approval of Discernment Committees
 - Members of the Resource Strategy Committee presented three proposals for Feasibility Studies: Not-For-Profit, Physical Campus and Larger Lutheran Witness
 - Not For Profit and Physical Campus were approved to form committees.
 - Larger Lutheran Witness proposal was sent back to the Resource Strategy Committee to be reworked based on discussions.
- c. Audit
 - Motion to recommend changes to the bylaws, as proposed in the Audit Review Report.
 - Motion made by Andrew, 2nd by Kim.
 - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- d. Reallocation of Benevolence funds for
 - \$8,083 had been budgeted to fund the Midtown Navigator position, which has now gone away.
 - Proposal to reallocate those funds as follows: \$4,041.50 moved to the Pastor's Discretionary fund and \$4,041.50 paid out to Midtown HART.
 - Motion brought by Kurt, 2nd by Kim.
 - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- e. Lease proposal for 1721 L Street commercial property
 - Received an offer from a new tenant for the 1721 L Street storefront, from Sal's Kabobs and Gyros, as detailed in Linda's email.
 - Motion to approve commercial lease as proposed by Joel, 2nd by Jo.
 - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next Meeting on January 16th at 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Ford
Church Council Secretary