



December 20, 2022
Church Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Pastor Amy Kienzle, Andrew Ford, Dan Maloney, Pastor Frank Espegren, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joel Kimmelshue, Pastor Jon Haug, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Linda Eytcheson, Robin Keller, Shelly Brassil, Zhiwei Yu

Council Members Absent: Rita Blomster

Guests Present: Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:32 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Amy
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
 - a. November minutes presented.
 - b. Motion made by Andrew, 2nd by Kim. Motion passed unopposed with 2 abstentions.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
 - a. Executive Committee - Jenny Mohler
 - o Pastors Frank and Amy, with Jenny and Jo, met with members of the old First English church to discuss possible uses for the proceeds from the sale of that property.
 - o A proposal to spend some of the money will be brought forward at a future Council meeting.
 - b. Financial Report - Kurt Galvez
 - o Projecting to run a surplus of around \$100K for the year.
 - o Audit committee looking for new leaders to perform audit in 2023.
 - o Current cash balance: \$696,355

General Operating Fund
November Revenue: \$121,862
November Expenses: \$141,349
November General Operating Net Income: -\$19,487
YTD General Operating Net Income: \$15,039
 - c. Senior Pastor - Pastor Frank Espegren
 - o Added new pledgers this year.
 - d. Administration - Linda Baldwin
 - e. Outreach Directorate Report - Pastor Amy Kienzle
 - o Pastor Amy planning trip to Holy Land in January with over 50 people from St. John's and other churches joining.
 - f. Congregational Life Project Report - Pastor Jon Haug
 - o Planning continues for sabbatical.
 - o Represented SacACT at a Sacramento City Council meeting and was interviewed about it by the news.
5. **Action Items**
 - a. 2023 Budget - Kurt Galvez

Unrestricted

- Motion brought by Kurt and the Finance Committee: Approve the draft 2023 Budget (as presented) and send to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for adoption.
 - Amendment brought by Robin and seconded by Shelley to reallocate half the money budgeted for Synod benevolence to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Motion was withdrawn.
 - Motion passed with 1 opposed and 2 abstention. Budget will be presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting.
- Key points discussed:
 - Removed Youth and Family position that had been planned, replacing in budget with temporary help to cover Pastor Jon's sabbatical.
 - Grant income from IRS and Lily Foundation grant added in to reflect current expectations.
 - No money planned for Property Fund.
 - Questions raised about Restricted Funds and how they're allocated that was tabled until a future meeting.

6. Discussion Items

- a. Vision work
 - Vision is still in discussion and hopes to be presented during January Council meeting.
- b. Racial Justice Ministry
 - Racial Justice Internal Change committee's commissioning mandate was offered for discussion, but Pastor Frank and the committee decided to withdraw it for further discussion and revision before coming back to Council.

Adjourned at 7:59 pm

Next Meeting on January 17 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Andrew Ford
 Church Council Secretary