



**January 17, 2023**  
**Church Council Meeting**

**Council Members Present:** Andrew Ford, Dan Maloney, Pastor Frank Espegren, Jo Hoffmeier, Joel Kimmelshue, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Rita Blomster, Robin Keller, Shelly Brassil, Zhiwei Yu

**Council Members Absent:** Jenny Mohler, Linda Eytcheson, Pastor Amy Kienzle, Pastor Jon Haug

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:34 pm** - Jo Hoffmeier
2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
  - a. December minutes presented.
  - b. Motion made by Andrew, 2nd by Kim. Motion passed unopposed with 2 abstentions.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
  - a. Executive Committee - Jo Hoffmeier
    - o Report deferred based on
  - b. Financial Report - Kurt Galvez
    - o The Executive Committee has appointed a chair for the Audit Committee: Karin Johnson.
    - o December giving was lower than previous year's, but for the year was 101% of budget.
    - o Current cash balance: \$981,769
      - General Operating Fund
      - December Revenue: \$227,624
      - December Expenses: \$179,644
      - December General Operating Net Income: \$47,980
      - YTD General Operating Net Income: \$63,021
  - c. Senior Pastor - Pastor Frank Espegren
    - o Report as filed.
    - o Pastors are working on developing 3 potential Strategic Initiatives based on proximate opportunities, for future Council consideration, in areas around: supporting other Lutheran churches in the area, racial justice and ongoing congregational connection.
  - d. Administration - Linda Baldwin
    - o Report as filed.
5. **Action Items**
  - a. Adoption of Vision Statement - Jo Hoffmeier
    - o Motion brought by Vision Committee: Adopt the following as St. John's Vision Statement:

**We are called by Christ to be a courageous, grace-filled community,  
deeply rooted in Sacramento and living in changing times.  
In response, we seek deeper connections and healing with one another  
and all our neighbors.**

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- o Motion to accept made by Joel Kimmelshue, seconded by Kim Hendricks.
  - o Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- b. 1st English Speaker Series proposal
  - o Motion brought by Jo, Jenny and the Pastors: *Release \$10,000 for speaker and travel fees to have Marilyn Nelson come to Sacramento for a speaker event sponsored by St. John's and in honor of the legacy of First English Church.*
  - o Friendly amendment made by Joel to add 2 contingencies to the motion: 1) that Hiram Johnson High School accepts having Marilyn as commencement speaker and 2) there is an event planned to be held at St. John's with Marilyn. Amendment was 2nd by Robin Keller and accepted by the Chair.
  - o Motion passed with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.
- c. Reinvestment of T-Bills
  - o Motion brought by Kurt and Finance Committee: Re-invest \$250,000 in Treasury Bills.
  - o Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

## 6. Discussion Items

- a. Congregational meeting
  - o Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on February 5th from 2-3pm.
  - o Consensus from Council is that we should continue to make it available to participate via Zoom, as well as in-person.
  - o Linda will investigate if Realm can be utilized for votes.

## 7. Announcements

- a. Council changes
  - o Robin Keller has decided not to seek reelection to Council after his 2-year term ends this month.
  - o Shelly Brassil has decided not to seek election to a full term on Council after serving out the remainder of the term she was appointed to.
  - o The Nominating Committee has identified 2 new members they will nominate for Council, as well as 1 new member of the Nominating Committee, at the upcoming Congregation meeting.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next Meeting on February 21 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Andrew Ford  
 Church Council Secretary