



**July 18, 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 Baldwin, Rita Blomster, Zhiwei Yu, Pastor Amy Kienzle

**Council Members Absent:** Linda Eytcheson, Pastor Jon Haug

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson, Catherine Slabaugh

1. **Call to Order @ 6:31 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotion** - Pastor Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
  - a. May and June meeting minutes presented.
  - b. Motion to approve made by Andrew, 2nd by Jenny, motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
  - a. Executive Committee
    - o Preparing a committee/discernment document for youth and family ministry support.
  - b. Financial Report
    - o Report as filed. Giving is closer to the budget than it has been recently.
    - o Current cash balance: \$797,521 (total T-Bill investment: \$444,590)
      - General Operating Fund
      - June Revenue: \$129,404
      - June Expenses: \$133,288
      - June General Operating Net Income: (\$3,884)
      - YTD General Operating Net Income: (\$150,763)
  - c. Senior Pastor
    - o Discussion about Lutheran Church of the Master and how St. John's can come alongside them as the church closes down and guide the process into what's next.
  - d. Administration
    - o Report as filed.
  - e. Resource Strategy Committee
    - o Group has met multiple times and is doing well and working through the consideration questions.
  - f. Oil and Gas Rights Committee
    - o Committee has been formed and is reading through the discernment document and historical and reference documents on the topic.
    - o Committee will convene when Pastor Mullen returns in August.
5. **Discussion Items**
  - a. Communications Strategy - Catherine Slabaugh
    - o Catherine provided an overview of the Church's communications and the Communications Strategy going forward.

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## 6. Action items

- a. Nominating Committee Commissioning Mandate **- Ted Norris**
  - o Ted Norris, current Nominating Committee Chairperson shared the Commissioning Mandate.
  - o Motion brought by Nominating Committee. Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- b. Associate Member Enrollment **- Pastor Frank**
  - o Motion to approve the following people (all currently members at Lutheran Church of the Master) into associate membership:
    - Alane Smith, Ardell Doering, Stan & Cathy Martinson, Eric Malme, and Rod Rogers
  - o Motion made by Pastor Frank, 2nd by Kim. Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
- c. T-Bill reinvestment **- Linda Baldwin**
  - o Motion to reinvest \$250,000 into a 6-month T-Bill.
  - o Moved by Kurt, 2nd by Joel. Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

## 7. Announcements

- a. August Gathering, Thursday 8/24/23, at Pastor Frank's house.
- b. Council Retreat, Saturday 9/30/23, at the California Chamber of Commerce downtown.
- c. Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, Friday 9/15/23 - Sunday 9/17/23 in Burlingame.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm

Next Meeting on September 19 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary