



June 21, 2022
Church Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Pastor Amy Kienzle, Dan Maloney, Pastor Frank Espegren, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joel Kimmelshue, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Rita Blomster, Shelly Brassil, Zhiwei Yu

Council Members Absent: Andrew Ford

Guests Present: Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Amy
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. May Minutes:
 - o Several minor edits made by Jenny
 - o Motion to approve updated minutes by Kurt, seconded by Zhiwei.
 - o Motion passed unopposed, with one abstention.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
 - a. Senior Pastor - Pastor Frank
 - o Update and discussion on the synod assembly and what has occurred regarding Bishop Rohrer.
 - o An interim bishop has been named by the presiding bishop and will be presented to synod staff and council soon.
 - o Council had questions regarding any actions St. John's could take to help the Latinex congregation at the center of the pastor removal and what those action might be. Pastor Amy and exec will follow up with the synod council regarding a proposal to act on the proposed follow-up steps/disciplinary actions outlined in the listening report that was released by the Presiding Bishop Eaton.
 - b. Director of Outreach - Pastor Amy
 - o The press conference regarding sweeps of homeless encampments has been moved to June 30 at 11am at the capitol.
 - o The Homeless Navigator has been meeting with 15-20 people each week and is somewhat discouraged by the huge wait lists for services and with pilfering of clients by the county. Homeless clients cannot be in both the city and the county systems at the same time and there is some conflict going on with the county taking clients that have already started with the city and a lack of coordination of services.
 - c. Jenny Mohler - Executive Committee Report
 - o Requesting Council members to check in with the ministries that they are aligned with and able to provide input when needed.
 - d. Administration
 - o Working on the roll out of Realm. Direct any questions to Linda or any other staff.
 - o The website will go live tomorrow as the domain on the current site was up for renewal.
 - o Asking Robin to assist with a privacy policy for St. John's.
 - e. Financial Report - Kurt Galvez

Unrestricted

- o Current cash balance: \$1,313,693
 - General Operating Fund
 - April Revenue: \$125,438
 - April Expenses: \$153,489
 - April General Operating Net Income: -\$28,051
 - YTD General Operating Net Income: -\$23,001

5. Action Items

- a. Implementation of Delayed Pay Increase
 - o Total increase for current fiscal year budget of approximately \$3,900 for raises for Pastor Frank and Linda.
 - o Motion to approve salary increases effective 7/1/22 made by Joel and seconded by Jo.
 - o Motion passed unopposed with one abstention by Pastor Frank.
- b. Lutheran Office of Public Policy Restoration of Funds
 - o Kim made the motion to redirect \$2,000 of benevolence from the synod to the Lutheran Office of Public Policy to make up for synod budget change by the synod council to reduce their support by \$2,000 for the fiscal year.
 - o Motion seconded by Jo. Motion passed with 9 votes in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.
- c. Approval of new member
 - o Alene Smith joined through Luminaria and took the last rite on Pentecost.
 - o Motion to accept new member made by Pastor Frank, seconded by Kim.
 - o Motion passed unopposed with one abstention by Pastor Frank.

6. Announcement

- a. Pastor Frank announced Council social gathering at his home on August 25th.
- b. Pastor Amy announced a house blessing for Charbel Zgheib on June 30

Adjourned at 8:09 pm

Next Meeting on July 19 at 6:30pm, in person.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Ford
Church Council Secretary