



March 15, 2022
Church Council Meeting

Council Members Present: Pastor Frank Espegren, Andrew Ford, Dan Maloney, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Pastor Jon Haug, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Linda Eytcheson, Rita Blomster, Robin Keller, Zhiwei Yu

Guests Present: Lynne Gilbertson, Nicole Oehmke

Absent: Pastor Amy Kienzle, Joel Kimmelshue

1. **Call to Order @ 6:32 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. February Minutes:
 - o Friendly amendment to add missing word.
 - o Motion to approve minutes by Jo, seconded by Linda
 - o Motion passed unopposed, with one abstention.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
 - a. Senior Pastor - Frank
 - o Upcoming Synod Assembly in June, looking for lay leaders to attend on behalf of St. John's.
 - b. Jenny Mohler - Executive Committee Report
 - o Annual financial audit will begin soon, under Lance Lewis, to conclude this summer.
 - o Pastor's Assistance fund being discussed separately from the endowment
 - o Endowment, which had been tabled by Council last year, is being evaluated to possibly bring back to the Council.
 - c. Pastor Jon
 - o Figuring out how to encourage families and children to return to Sunday morning services
 - General discussion about improving worship attendance, discussed encouraging those in house to look around for who is missing that they used to see or sit near, and reach out to invite them back.
 - o Working with a group to help put together a grant application for possible upcoming Sabbatical in Summer 2023.
 - o Working to revive the Connections Coordinator position
 - d. Return to Worship Task Force - Kim Hendricks
 - o Masks not required for services
 - o St. John's will continue to require masks for children's ministry, and will follow Sacramento City Unified policy (currently planning to eliminate mask mandate for students after Spring Break, ie. after Easter).
 - e. Financial Report - Kurt Galvez
 - o Kurt provided an overview of the Income Statement revenue section.
 - o Giving in February exceeded budget, but fell short of last year. So far this is the trend in 2022, but too soon to make assumptions about the year.

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- IRS rebate did not come in February as hoped, but indications are that they are processing it and should arrive soon.
- Current cash balance: \$1,395,690
 - General Operating Fund
 - February Revenue: \$160,317
 - February Expenses: \$117,517
 - February General Operating Net Income: \$42,800
 - YTD General Operating Net Income: \$60,698
- f. Repentance & Reconciliation update
 - Rita & Brian Blomster are taking on the history portion of the work.
 - Pentecost event planning is moving along.
 - Looking for artist to do the painting/stenciling of the Gathering Place name and prayer.

5. Action Items

- a. 1128 Commissioning Mandate
 - Nicole and Gary (via statement read by Jo) provided moving arguments for why this is a needed and necessary ministry.
 - Jo explained the purpose and structure of the ministry team through the commissioning mandate.
 - Motion to commission the 1128 ministry, as presented through Commissioning Mandate.
 - Motion made by Kurt, second by Zhiwei.
 - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

Adjourned at 8:05 pm

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

Respectfully Submitted,
 Andrew Ford
 Church Council Secretary