



**October 17, 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 Eytcheson, Rita Blomster, Zhiwei Yu

**Council Members Absent:** none

**Guests Present:** Pastor Amy Kienzle, Pastor Jon Haug, Linda Baldwin, Catherine Slabaugh, Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotion** - Pastors Jon & Frank
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
  - a. July and September minutes presented for review and approval.
  - b. Motion to approve by Andrew, 2nd by Jo. Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
  - a. Executive Committee
    - o Executive Committee meets twice a month, focused lately on budget discussions and encourages feedback on the Council.
  - b. Senior Pastor
    - o Stewardship off to a good start.
    - o Encouraged Councilmembers to get in their pledges.
  - c. Financial Report
    - o Report as filed.
    - o Current cash balance: \$597,518 (total T-Bill investment: \$687,286)  
General Operating Fund  
September Revenue: \$136,355  
September Expenses: \$111,576  
September General Operating Net Income: \$24,779  
YTD General Operating Net Income: (\$97,408)
  - d. Administration
    - o Possible changes to rental terms for Pressed cafe tenant.
      - Motion to reduce the November and December rent to \$2,000/mo (with no CAM) while Linda and the Finance Committee continue negotiations.
      - Motion made by Jo and second by Joel.
      - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
    - o Changes to the Personnel Manual and Child Safety Policy
      - Motion: Approve the Personnel Manual and Child Safety Policy
      - Motion made by Kurt, second by Dan.
      - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
  - e. Oil and Gas Rights Committee
    - o Met twice more since last meeting.

Unrestricted

- Distributed a proposed rubric for judging the merits of any potential applications for use of the Oil and Gas Rights money, based on St. John's values.
- Council will review and come back with any comments or suggestions during November meeting.

#### **5. Action items**

- a. Personnel Manual update approval
  - Item covered above.
- b. Stewardship Committee Commissioning Mandate
  - Stewardship Committee Chair, Linda Eytcheson, presented a new committee Commissioning Mandate.
  - Motion to approve brought by Stewardship Committee. 2nd by Andrew.
  - Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

**\*\*\*Council moved to Executive Session at this time, and all non-Council Members were excused.\*\*\***

#### **6. Discussion items**

- a. 2024 Budget
  - Proposed budgets were discussed.

Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next Meeting on November 21 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary