

November Council minutes Thursday, November 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 by Vice President, Brenda Schroeder. Those in attendance: Pastor Brenda, Don Amundson, Vicki Schuh, Johnnie Jacobson, Brenda Schroeder, Brian Rosenthal. Not in attendance: Barb Klemp, Diane Luginbuhl.

Motion made to adopt the following agenda made by Don, second by Brian. Motion passed.

Note: For the December meeting, discuss benevolence distribution.

Devotions: John 16:33 and the prayer of St. Francis

There were no guests this evening.

Motion to approve the minutes from October, 2017 made by Brian, second by Don. No discussion, passed.

1. Elizabeth reported that the income exceeded expenses for the month of October by \$2,840. The General Offerings were less than those of last October by \$1,300 and missed the budget goal by \$3,715. However, General Offerings to date are \$12,737 more than the same time last year. Thus far, our expenses have exceeded our income by \$1,824. Motion made to approve the financial reports by Don, second by Johnnie. No discussion, passed.

2. Treasurer – Don – We were given a proposed budget for 2018. Don made a motion to accept the proposed budget, second by Brenda. No discussion, passed.

a. Don will hold a meeting Sunday, Nov. 19th during coffee hour to discuss ways to use the Trust Fund. If people are not able to make this meeting, contact Don.

3. Old Business

a. Education committee recommending background checks for all Sunday School/Confirmation teachers

i. Waiting for receipt of policy from education committee.

b. Kitchen remodeling committee – a motion was made by Brenda to take up to \$2,500 from the Kitchen Money Market Account for sinks and faucets, second Vicki. No discussion, passed.

c. Myron Fosdal memorial – Tabled from September

i. Committee sent a list of needs and wants.

ii. Any updates on Fosdal family. They have been contacted and decision pending.

d. Portico has an option for a retirement fund for staff. Julie would qualify for this. Council has approved contributing to this fund. Portico has invited us to be part of a pilot program. There is no cost to set this up. Discussion and no vote was needed.

e. Community Service for holiday season will be another Food Pantry drive for Christmas. This will be organized by the Stewardship Committee. There will also be coin boxes for kids to **collect money to buy animals for God's** Global Barnyard.

f. A thank you will be sent for a memorial given in honor of one of our members.

4. New Business

We are seeking information from members that have experience in technology and business.

b. The church property and parsonage needs will be taken to the Property Committee. There will be a formal written process to access needs of the property and communication with tenants.

c. How to handle members requesting release from our congregation. A letter of recognition will be sent. Pastor will create a template.

d. Member audit needs to be done. A committee needs to be formed to start this process. Council members should bring names to the next council meeting.

e. Security during worship and at times of other gatherings? Pastor Brenda is taking a webinar on safety on Monday, November 20th. The Mutual Ministry Committee will discuss this issue at their next meeting.

f. Technology needs for the future are being pursued by the Stewardship Committee.

g. Julie requested taking single days off instead of a block of time during December.

Reports:

5. President

6. Pastor

7. Worship & Music

8. Education/Youth

9. Property

10. Stewardship

11. Personnel

12. Mutual Ministry

13. ARK – Alive and Rockin at Koshkonong!

14. 125 th Anniversary Church Celebration Upper Church

A motion was made to accept the reports by Brian, second by Johnnie. No discussion, passed

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Johnnie, second by Brenda. No discussion, passed.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:05

Next Meeting: December 21, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.