

## Church Council Minutes

7/19/2017 6:30 PM

**Present :** Rob Hill, Janny Franken, Carol Mack, Mark Braaten, Carole Scott, Sherry Schuler, Jean Kammerer, Michael Sadowski, Jack O'Neil, Pastor Erik Goehner, Pastor Elizabeth Nees

- Rob offered a few minutes' devotion. Janny led a brief caring conversation.
- Jean moved to accept minutes, Jack seconded, vote taken, minutes approved
- Rob mentioned need to review committee reports.
- The Treasurer was not present, so we did not receive a treasurer's report, or discuss financial reports. Jack requested, again, that the Finance Committee review the return rate on interest-bearing accounts and report back to Council. Rob suggested that we delegate to Todd and Dale to reconstitute a finance committee. Carol will contact Dale.
- Pastor Elizabeth raised the issue of the unused funds for the health insurance benefit she is not taking. It is important that the funds remain a budgeted and allocated item. Rob thought it had been previously decided will report back to Carol.
- Rob nominated Carol Mack as President, Jean Kammerer as Secretary. No other nominations were made. Jack seconded. Vote taken, approved.
- The council voted to change meetings to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Jean will send a notice for the Tempo and Bulletin.
- Erik raised issue of council liaisons to committees and task forces. During the discussion the following liaisons were assigned:
  - Michael Sadowski / COAM
  - Mark Braaten / Building
  - Carole Scott / Welcome Committee
  - Jack O'Neil / Evangelism
- The following liaisons are still needed:
  - Stewardship
  - Worship Music
  - Honey Tree
- Jean recommended restarting time and talent worksheets and form a nominating committee.
- It was mentioned that Brian Carr might be interested in Property and Espen might be interested in Music. Neither was present, so we will confirm at next meeting.
- **The next meeting will be the council retreat Wed August 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 – 9:00 PM. Michael Sadowski will host at 715 Silverwheel Pl, Newbury Park. Jean and Janny will obtain dinner.**
- Pastor Erik reported on the El Salvador trip and some continuing needs of our Sister church. The trip was successful and an inspiration to those who attended.
- Pastor Elizabeth reported on her "Face Time" initiative for Fall. It will be an opportunity for her to meet members individually or in small groups. She shared the good news that she is expecting a child in December. She is working on plans for the November-February.
- Pastor Erik spoke about the time changes for services and requested we think about what we will do after the summer.
- Rob proposed "A Lift to Church" using a car service. After discussion, Mike moved we start a 2-month pilot program with the \$250 in funds initially deposited in an Uber account by Rob. Carol Mack seconded, vote approved.

- Rob reported that Ventura County Board of Supervisors voted 5 to 0 to approve the purchase of our vacant lot for a new firehouse. Escrow could close within a few weeks.
- Jean moved we purchase 120 black chairs and carts for around \$7000, Jack seconded. The motion was amended to specify using memorial funds 5602, 6001, 6003, 7002, 7003, 7004, 7009, 7010 (approximately \$7,000) and was approved.
- New website discussion tabled due to time constraints.
- Rob mentioned new AC for office installed and expected to save energy.
- During closed session, a motion by former treasurer Todd Ekenstam, made previously, to adjust the Senior Pastor salary to synod guidelines ... was discussed and approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Sadowski and Jean Kammerer