

Council Meeting Minutes - March 19, 2017

Present at the meeting were: Pr. Manda, Chuck Witschorik, Barbara Malaspina, George Liao, Kerry Schiewek-Frelin, Theo Olson, Rebecca Thomas, Joe Shackelford

Absent were: Bob Charves, Laurie Gaumer

Devotion - Theo led the devotion, using the "Animate" book resource

Assign Devotion for next Meeting - Chuck will lead the devotion for next month's council meeting

Approve Minutes of the previous meetings - a motion was made to approve the minutes of both the January and February council meetings; there was no discussion; the motion was seconded and then approved with no objections or abstentions

Approve Agenda - a motion was made to approve the agenda; there was no discussion; a vote was taken and the motion carried without objections or abstentions

Treasurer's Report - Kevin offered a report, mentioning that all the new signers on the bank account need to go to the bank to sign a card there so that they can now sign checks; he also mentioned that giving is a little down currently but is on track to even out over the rest of the year

Other churches renting our space - Pr. Jared and Nora have been meeting with a congregation that needs a place to go, and they are an ELCA partner church; this could be a donation situation; another group, of Korean Presbyterians (PCUSA), is also asking about renting our space; a conversation then happened in which the group talked about how we do want to share our space according to our mission; several people mentioned how allowing Pr. Jared's group to have some of our space for free would give us flexibility to limit the usage they would have of our space; the group generally expressed openness and curiosity about the Pr. Jared possibility; Pr. Manda said she will be continuing to explore this with Pr. Jared and Nora, and that they might come to a future council meeting; it seems like we are not interested in the rental relationship with the PCUSA church; the strategic planning committee will also discuss the question regarding Pr. Jared and Nora

Process for getting substitutes for Pr. Manda when she is away - in the past this process has been done by the council president; Pr. Manda has been doing this recently and said she can continue to do that; Pr. Manda said she will continue to do this, unless in the case of an emergency, in which case the council will look for a replacement using a list that will be placed on our Google Drive

Process for immediate benevolences - there is currently the pastor's discretionary fund; maybe we could encourage people to donate to this fund for the purpose of helping local people or families; for funds for other things like local disasters, etc. we can continue to encourage people to donate to local non-profits; storytelling is also an important aspect of communicating this information

Liaison check in

- Rebecca reported on the education committee that she will be attending an upcoming Godly Play training meeting
- Barbara reported that strategic planning will need to schedule a meeting with Pr. Manda to look

at how to put together previous strategic planning documents with the new process agreed on at the January retreat

- Joe reported on the property committee that the process for re-coating the flat roof is currently \$500 under-budget
- Pr. Manda reported on the Boy Scout troop; they will do their garage sale this year on April 22nd; there will be a big push to encourage everyone to get rid of unneeded stuff and give it to the Boy Scouts for their garage sale
- Theo will bring compiled information from last month's congregational update to next month's council meeting

Approve final logo - a vote was taken anonymously for the final logo

April meeting - the executive meeting will be on April 9th and the council meeting will be on April 23rd; it was also discussed how to reduce the time of the council meetings; among ideas for this are to have a "parking lot" list on the board to list things that can be tabled for later; also helpful might be to list more information in the bullet points of the agenda

Close in corporate prayer - George led the council in prayer

Google Drive training - some stayed after the meeting for Google training