

Council Meeting Minutes - 9/16/17

1. The meeting opened with a video devotion and discussion
2. Present at the meeting were Pr. Manda, Kerry, Laurie, Barbara, Kevin, Bob, Joe, Rebecca, Theo, and Chuck
3. The agenda for today's meeting was approved
4. The minutes from last month's council meeting were approved
5. Finance report
 - a. Kevin offered a report on the congregation's finances.
 - b. A goal is to have a draft budget to discuss in the October council meeting, in preparation for the November congregational meeting.
 - c. The finance committee met and wanted to let the council know that they are open to helping in whatever capacity would be appropriate.
 - d. Kevin put financial information in folders listed by month in the shared Google Drive folder; there is a checker schedule in the same place (please check this to make sure the dates work for you)
 - e. Kevin reported that we are slightly behind budget but roughly in the same position that we were last year.
 - f. Some council members wondered if we're using our dividend investments wisely, and it was decided that this conversation will happen in the coming months as we go through the capital campaign
 - g. Kevin reviewed our cash and investment funds
 - h. Pr. Manda made a motion to communicate about the Bryer restricted fund from the "Bryer fund" to the "Bryer restriction." The motion was seconded and it passed.
6. Committee reports
 - a. Theo will follow up soon about the personnel committee
 - b. Barbara will follow up on the nominating committee
 - c. Rebecca reported that Godly Play is still going well. Vanetia has been wonderful in accommodating Jesus and Me with the new congregation's meeting schedule. The number attending Godly Play has varied depending on which students attend each time. Some expressed concern about the noise level from the new children's area in the back of church. We will look into some sound muting options.
 - d. Joe mentioned that the roof just finished being sealed. The sealing should last 20 years and will be checked every 5 years. A painter came over to discuss re-painting the Great Hall before the RIC celebration and would charge \$800 for labor. The color white will be cheapest. A motion was made to allot up to \$2,000 for paint and the painter, as seconded, and approved.
 - e. Theo reported that the meetings with the architect candidates are going well.
 - f. Laurie said things are going well with RIC 30. Invitations have gone out. Facebook, Evite, and a webpage have gone up. Music, drinks, childcare, and other aspects are all coming together.
7. Preparations for the August 6th BBQ/congregational update

- a. Pr. Manda proposed that ministry leaders get up and give updates to the congregation, and especially for RIC 30 to talk about the event (ex: updates on kids activities, drinks, etc.)
 - b. Each council member can be in charge of getting 5 people to commit to bringing food; alternately, we could get food catered from Chipotle
 - c. A motion was made to allocate up to \$1,000 for Chipotle; it was seconded and approved.
8. SJ Pride - will we be doing it or not?
 - a. Bob said that he and Don will lead the CGS Pride booth this year; CGS will pay their entrance fee for this
9. Thanksgiving dinner
 - a. Joe will try to gather people to organize the dinner
 - b. Pastor Jim Clark-Moore will work on getting people to the dinner
10. Discuss August council meeting
 - a. A motion was made to cancel the August meeting, seconded, and approved
11. Discuss filling vice president position
 - a. A motion was made to not fill the position for the next 6 months; it was seconded and approved.
12. Input on Christmas Eve services due to scheduling this year
 - a. We need to decide if we have morning worship in addition to services in the evening.
13. Closing prayer
 - a. Bob led a closing prayer.