

OSLC Council Minutes

December 13, 2021

Jim Snyder opened the meeting at 6:30 by welcoming everyone. Attendees were Pastor Cook, Jim Snyder, Hilary Agnew, Karen McKinney, Matt Hesse, Paul Darlage, Mary Anne Schwartz for Donna Granderson, Sherry Ederheimer for Chip Davidson, Dave Walls, Larry Ashley, and Sarah Frederickson.

Devotions: Pastor Cook gave a devotion from Luke 2. He focused on verse 15 where the shepherds heard the good news and immediately took action. He discussed how in our own lives, the Gospel is life-changing and should put us into motion. The Shepherds told others and were filled with joy. During this holiday season, we should call the wanderers (our friends and family) to life in Christ.

President's Report: Jim Snyder reported this will be the final meeting for Karen McKinney and Hilary Agnew as they have fulfilled their terms on church council. He thanked them for their outstanding service. He also congratulated Pastor on getting his doctorate degree.

Financial Report: Hilary gave the financial report for the month of November. She reported estimated figures. We had a deficit of \$2,479. Total giving was \$60,158 which was \$13,687 more than budgeted. The giving income needed each month would be \$60,833 if divided equally throughout the year (the budget uses a pro-rated figure). School revenue was less than budgeted. Expenses were more than budgeted. Giving for this fiscal year is on budget. Cumulative, we have a \$52,749 deficit.

Maintenance Update: Matt Hesse provided an update on the exterior lights which will be installed in May of 2022. He discussed getting street sweepers to clear some pine cones in the parking lot. He reported using Thrivent funds to purchase a leaf vacuum for the front hallway. He reported we should let people know about this so that anyone can help to clean up the hallway before services. He also reported there is a work day this Saturday December 18th.

Head Elder's Selection: Jim Snyder reported that there was an error during the election process in which the congregation did not elect a head elder. He reported the council is accepting nominations up until the meeting as well as nominations from the floor at the Voter's meeting.

January Voter's meeting: Jim Snyder proposed that the Voter's meeting be on January 22nd after late service.

Messiah Update: Sherry gave a report from Luther that there were 220 people at the Messiah Sing-Along. Luther felt it gave a lot of joy and happiness to the season. He reported that this gives the church positive visibility in the community. He said they collected \$350. Sherry proposed a letter of thanks to Luther for all of his hard work. Jim Snyder agreed.

End of Year Reports: Jim Snyder reported that annual reports will be due to Jim or Dave by December 30th.

Appointment of Deputies: All of the department heads must send to Dave Walls their selections for Vice Chair which will need to be approved at the voter's meeting in January.

Closing: Pastor lead the council in the Lord's Prayer and the council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.