

Council Minutes
July 11, 2022

Attendance: Darren Doehrmann, Paul Darlage, Chip Davidson, Mitch Burmeister, Wes Wrucke, Donna Granderson, Matt Hesse, Beverly Silletto, Jim Snyder, Dave Walls, Shelby Schwartz

1. Welcome - Jim Snyder at 6:30
2. Devotions - Jim Snyder
 - John the Baptist Isaiah 40:3 “A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight a highway for our God.” Consider who calls to us in regards to issues of today. Are the calls messages to be faithful or messages of sinful nature? Do not succumb to voices that call you away from God.
3. VBS Update - Dave Walls
 - Dates: July 25-29th. 41 signed up, 17 volunteers. Timing of VBS dates might have impacted the early sign ups, still expecting normal numbers.
4. Budget/Closeout Interim Report - Darren Doehrmann
 - Too early for year-end close; waiting on bills to come in.
 - The 22-23 fiscal budget uses the 80k surplus from the prior year; given the 13k shortfall in May, 67k of the prior year surplus is available for current year budget.
 - To fund the May shortfall, there are unspecified memorial funds (13k), as well as the childcare COVID grant (17k).
5. “Fluid Cooler”/Cooling Tower Funding Status - Darren Doehrmann
 - 171k currently in capital campaign, which meets the estimate for this project
 - Air Exchange to verify their quote due to the cost of inflation and confirm the size of the system. August Council meeting is likely for cost to be verified by.
 - November is the estimate for installation. Parking impact for school to be worked out.
6. Capital Campaign Phase 1 and 2 - Larry Ashley/Jim Snyder
 - Phase 1: We have met our goal and funded the “fluid cooler”/cooling tower – Praise be to God for this accomplishment! Thank you to the congregation for your support.
 - Phase 2: Additional items to be funded as we continue this work (organ, driveway, etc.)
 - Organ – cost to replace the leathers, 160k-250k. Can do a phased replacement; there are 3 sections, \$50k being the smallest section to replace.
 - Discussed budgeting and amortizing costs for maintenance items over several years, instead of fundraising. Additionally discussed the mortgage avenue.
 - Darren to bring discussion points in August regarding funding options between the capital campaign, budgeting amortization, and mortgage options.
7. Status of Grant Project for Preschool - Matt Hesse
 - \$4500 grant funds received to develop nature areas. Planters and seating areas ordered for garden areas (outside preschool 3 & 4). Preschool staff to set it up.
8. Status of Parking Lot Lights - Matt Hesse
 - Marshall has lights temporarily wired, there are additional things to do.
9. TLC Hiring, Mission, Funding - Paul Darlage
 - In the fall of 2021 motioned to hire TLC. Had impressive interviews last week. Board of elders hired Corrine Burmeister for position. 20 hours a week, starting August 1.
10. Directory – Chip
 - Information to be in the Narthex in the coming weeks for review. 8/21 to be finalized.
11. Lord’s Prayer - Dave Walls @7:13