

Council Minutes
April 10, 2023

Attendance: Kaylee Price, Wes Wrucke, Mary Ann Schwarz, Stephanie Estel, Matt Hesse, Shirley Kressin, Bev Silletto, Paul Darlage, Pastor Cook, Darren Doehermann, Dave Walls, Jim Snyder, Shelby Schwartz, Travis Fuhrmann (electronically present)

1. Welcome – Jim Snyder at 6:30pm
2. Devotions – Pastor Cook
 - Reading from Colossians 4:2-6. Our Comfort Dog ministry and Pastor will consider these words from Paul while deployed this week, and desire for our prayers for knowledge of what to say while sharing comfort, grace, and compassion with those with whom they interact. Also considered, to be able to have the right things to say in these situations, we can consider limiting our phone use and increase our time in God's word, prayer, and with people.
3. Financial Report – Darren Doehermann
 - For March, we budgeted a \$11k surplus and our actual deficit was \$17k, for a deficit of \$29k compared to budget. Year to date, we are budgeted at a \$2k surplus, and our actual surplus is \$55k, for a surplus of \$53k compared to budget.
 - On the deficit for the month of March – there was a \$25k invoice that was due on March 1st instead of February 28th; recall the large surplus reported in February.
 - Note – giving was \$20k less than budgeted in the month of March (budget is based on the average of the past 5 years for the month of March)
 - Wednesday April 19th, 6:30pm – Council budget meeting
4. Internal Security Door – Travis Fuhrmann (Electronically Present)
 - Items to be considered for the church and school:
 - Internal security door, to be operated by key card or buzzer at Tracy's desk
 - Location of door – across the hallway for the classrooms
 - 3 additional doors considered: between fellowship/welcome center, between church/school (just beyond Mercy's room), and at the door upstairs
 - Is there an impediment for first responders with the internal door? Any impediment would be the same as the external locked doors.
 - Courtyard area is a problem – doors that can get into classrooms and glass door
 - Fence as a possible solution
 - Windows are in classroom doors but windows are covered up
 - This can't be, for teacher and school liability
 - Door stops; doors are frequently open
 - Doors should be closed and locked when kids are in the classroom
 - Security drills are important to implement, like weather drills
 - Intruder currently happen twice a semester; could move to once a month
 - Travis to send email to Jim of recommendations to be initiated sooner rather than later
5. AED Survey – Shirley Kressin
 - 20 respondents to the newsletter survey. 12 attend early, 5 attend late service, and 3 alternate services. Defibrillator and CPR training; Jim to conduct training.
 - Date TBD, Shirley to coordinate dates.

- Jim suggested an additional defibrillator should be obtained for closer to the school
6. VBS director search – Shirley Kressin
 - Need a director for this year; date and program all subject to director’s decision
 7. Voters’ Assembly – Pastor and Stephanie Estel
 - Middle school ELA/History call to be brought to Voter’s Assembly
 - 1 or 2 interviews tomorrow for Science and/or Math combination
 8. Confirmation – Pastor
 - April 30th -- 5th Sunday combined service; 6-7 confirmands
 - Confirmation questioning service to follow; congregation is welcome to attend
 9. Cooling Tower – Matt Hesse
 - Shipping date updates: Pump VFD April 11th, and Fan VFD May 25th
 - Installation to be after school year; approximately a 10-day window. Pastor to look for window between school and church offices, and then Matt to take back to contractors.
 10. The Lord’s Prayer – Pastor Cook at 7:17pm