

Council Minutes  
November 14, 2022

Attendance: Paul Darlage, Mitch Burmeister, Chip Davidson, Wes Wrucke, Donna Granderson, Stephanie Estel, Matt Hesse, Beverly Silletto, Sarah (Frederickson) Arnold, Pastor Cook, Darren Doehrmann, Dave Walls, Jim Snyder, Shelby Schwartz

1. Welcome - Jim Snyder at 6:30pm
2. Devotions - Pastor Cook
  - 1 Peter 1:6-7, faith untried may be true faith but it is sure to be little faith and it is likely to remain dwarfish so long as it is without trials. No faith is so precious as that which lives and triumphs in adversity. Faith increases the more it is exercised in tribulation.
3. Financial Report - Darren Doehrmann
  - For October, we budgeted a \$5k loss and our actual surplus was \$10k driven by giving, for a surplus of \$15k compared to budget. Year to date through October, Church giving is on target to the budgeted value. We are budgeted to be at a \$16k loss at this time, and our actual surplus is \$13k, for a surplus of \$29k compared to budget.
4. Financial Review – Richard Schwartz, Michael Hayes
  - Reviewed fiscal year ending June 2022, using financial review worksheets in Congregational Treasurer manual, and had no issues with three recommendations:
    1. Reminder for next year - Information Technology Controls are being updated
    2. Fidelity Bond Insurance – had been by position, but will change to by person with the renewal in January 2023. Recommendation is that any individual with direct access to the bank accounts or cash (those that can sign checks and elder that physically makes deposits; not Sunday money counters) to fill out and sign a fidelity bond questionnaire and agreement.
      - A. **Jim to hear from Larry Ashley about blanket bond vs individual bond**
      - B. **Darren to send names of other signers**
    3. Maintain a fixed asset ledger listing all land, buildings, and equipment and take periodic inventory. Responsible parties for fixed asset ledger: Church – buildings & grounds; School – principal.
      - A. **Building & Grounds and Principal to create a draft ledger, and financial review committee to determine what is appropriate to remain on list**
      - B. **Considering a dollar amount to consider “of value” to be recorded**
      - C. **Considering frequency of review**
5. Annual Reports – Jim Snyder
  - **To be turned in by the end of the first week of January** for individual departmental reports. He will then aggregate for President’s report.
6. Voters’ Assembly – Dave Walls
  - November 20<sup>th</sup> between services
  - Election of Committee Chairs, nominations: Worship & Music (Chip Davidson), Stewardship (Kaylee Price), Parish Education (Shirley Kressin), Christian Relations (Mary Ann Schwarz), Missional Planning (Mitch Burmeister)
7. Advent Meals – Dave Walls

- November 30<sup>th</sup> Taco bar, December 7<sup>th</sup> chili & hot dogs, and 14<sup>th</sup> soup & sandwiches
8. Day School Call Committee – Mitch Burmeister (chair)
    - Call Committee: Pastor Cook, Stephanie Estel (Day School), Mitch Burmeister (Missional Planning), Karen Shorter, Scott Frederickson, Claire Busby, Steve Graef, Charles Puckett
    - We are grateful for Wes’s service over the years. Thank you, Wes!!!!
    - Committee has kicked off with a meeting, next steps include documents to read and review, school board to ask questions to Wes to make sure job description filled out appropriately, call to be had with district representative. Goal to have first call out by February. Will be able to query a list of candidates, as opposed to having a tangible list.
  9. Maintenance Status – Matt Hesse
    - Signed a contract for the cooling tower install on 11/10/2022; delivery time to be determined, preliminary delivery timing April. Ordered cooling tower in September.
    - Alpha coming 11/15 for heating issue in principal office, teacher lounge, and school office.
  10. Operation Christmas Child Update – Bev Silletto
    - Almost 12 cases packed; each case has 15-16 boxes in it. 113 boxes packed from school students. November 21<sup>st</sup> is last day for collection.
  11. Messiah - Pastor Cook
    - Matthew Lane conducting, 12/6 at 7:30pm. Musicians in place, as well as additional volunteer musicians. Sherry to meet with him for space awareness in sanctuary. Publicity is typed up, and ready to be sent to various churches and ministries. \$2,500 budget, each performer gets \$200; Sherry to try to raise funds for \$350 honorarium for director.
    - Exploring options for nursery availability for performers’ children.
    - Sherry to ask for volunteer for refreshments after the Messiah
  12. The Lord’s Prayer - Pastor Cook at 7:18pm