

Council Minutes
May 8, 2023

Attendance: Kaylee Price, Wes Wrucke, Mary Ann Schwarz, Stephanie Estel, Matt Hesse, Charles Puckett, Mitch Burmeister, Shirley Kressin, Bev Silletto, Paul Darlage, Sherry Ederheimer, Marty Brieschke (guest), Darren Doehermann, Dave Walls, Jim Snyder, Shelby Schwartz

1. Welcome – Jim Snyder at 6:30pm
 - Security Committee – as each department discusses anything related to security, any information, recommendation, and/or question should go to our security advisor, Travis Fuhrmann, also include Kent Groemling (elder representative).
 - Monthly Reports – send to Roma in the church office on Wednesday before the next council meeting. Roma will create a packet for Council meeting, and a copy will be available for the congregation to review. Semi-annually, information will be presented to the congregation.
2. Devotions – Dave Walls
 - Passage read starting at Matthew 6:25. You can't change the past, but you can ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about tomorrow. Worry brings about problems, rather than solves problems. A worrying Christian on the one hand acknowledges God's almighty power, but on the other, says "I'm not so sure you have everything under control Lord." God is constant and takes complete care of our lives in every moment.
3. Communication with the Congregation – Marty Brieschke
 - Addressed the council with an outline of perceived communication issues with a desire to improve timely and effective communication from the council to the congregation.
 - Boards are asked to review the outline and decide what their board can do to help improve communication.
4. Financial Report – Darren Doehermann
 - For April, we budgeted a \$3.5k surplus and our actual deficit was \$208, for a deficit of \$3.7k compared to budget. Year to date, we are budgeted at a \$5.4k surplus, and our actual surplus is \$55k, for a surplus of \$49k compared to budget.
5. New Fiscal Year Budget Update – Darren Doehermann
 - After the budgetary council meeting, there was a \$80k difference (expenses higher than revenue) for next year's budget; we must have a balanced budget at the start of the fiscal year. New indications based on emerging information shows an expected \$40k difference. Darren looked at fixed versus variable expenses and solved for gap to the balanced budget by reducing budgets for variable expenses.
 - Council members are asked to review their board expenses and approve or deny the variable expense budgets reduction by 20%. Requested back to Darren on May 22nd.
 - Budget must be approved in the June Council meeting, then to be presented to the Voters Assembly. Needs to be sent out to congregation 2 weeks in advance of Assembly.
6. Additions to boards – Dave Walls
 - Evangelism – Kay Seibold, Wendy Gonzales, Judy Marlowe; President approved
 - Parish Ed - Leslie Faulkner, Jill Richeson; President approved
 - Christian Relations – Johnathan Ryan; President approved
 - Stewardship – Chris Phoebus, Dave Seibold; President approved

- Elders – Mitch Burmeister, Tim Madson; President approved
 - NOTE - If on more than one committee, must decide which committee to remain on, by July 1
7. Teacher Call and Contract Update – Mitch Burmeister
- Contracted position (middle-school science and other responsibilities) - Jamie Gibbs has accepted position. Has been teaching in Bullitt County, and we anticipate her to bring diversification and energy to roll.
 - Called position (Toria's call) update - the Wednesday after the call, she was hospitalized for a week. Toria is out of the hospital now and still receiving treatment. Now beginning to be able to prayerfully consider the call. Please keep Toria in your prayers.
8. Motion, Discussion, and Funding for Parking Lot Blacktopping – Matt Hesse
- Matt motion to authorized \$18,600 to crack fill, seal, and stripe the parking lot. Mitch seconded.
 - Discussion: Funds could come from remaining capital campaigns, property improvement designated funds, or mention to the congregation for funding support. Need to complete the project given the state of the parking lot. Needs to be done in the summer. June workday could be used to pressure wash areas of the lot that need it to promote adhesion. Would repair black top at the entrance front and the manhole cover. Parking lot will have a lot of years left in it if we continue to maintain it. Additional quotes were received, and this was the lowest. Commonwealth Paving (company being considered) has been researched and seems reputable. Project to last 3-4 days. Renting the material and asking the congregation to do the work would be about 60% of the cost and a lot of manpower. Need to also coordinate lawn mowing and weddings during that time. Looking at the week of July 3rd; Matt to let us know when it is scheduled.
 - Unanimously approved.
9. Cooling Tower Update – Matt Hesse
- June 19th targeted to be scheduled for installation
10. VBS Date Update – Shirley Kressin
- July 24th – 28th, 6-8:30pm
 - Program: God's Wonder lab. Intended to be a family event. Wendy and Shirley to be co-leaders, with help and guidance from Corrine.
11. June Budget Approval Voters' Assembly – Dave Walls
- June 25th – to be after the service
 - NOTE: in June through August there will be one service at 10am, bible study at 9am
12. Women's Ministry – Bev Silletto
- Estimates have been obtained to put in new LVT flooring in fellowship hall, renovating Pastor's office, add a door in coat room, and remodel the Women's restroom in the fellowship hall. Everything to be done in the summer. Quoted by the Connors at \$71,500; women's restroom is \$30,000.
 - Inquiring if an email can be sent out to all the women for extra tithe for bathroom renovation, from the Women's Ministry (Debbie Wolter).
 - Bev Silletto motioned that Women's Ministry be permitted to send out an email to the women of the church to solicit donations to remodel the women's bathroom off the fellowship hall to make it accessible. Paul Darlage seconded.
 - Discussion:

- There are a lot of infrastructure needs – recommendation was made that council prioritizes updates (organ, security, etc).
 - Confirmed there is a fund for the organ already.
 - As a council, we should make an itemized list so that people are aware of the additional infrastructure needs.
 - Motion carries unanimously.
13. The Lord's Prayer – at 7:45pm