

Council Minutes
March 14, 2022

Attendance: Darren Doerhmann, Larry Ashely, Pastor Cook, Bob Schwarz (for Paul Darlage), Chip Davidson, MaryAnn Schwarz (for Donna Granderson), Stephanie Estel, Matt Hesse, Sarah Frederickson, Beverly Silletto, Jim Snyder, Dave Walls, Shelby Schwartz

1. Welcome - Jim Snyder, 6:30pm
2. Devotions - Pastor Cook
 - a. John 15:2 -- He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.
 - b. Reading from Faith Alone: A Daily Devotional, by Martin Luther. A summary:
 - i. God is the gardener, who tends and looks after his vine, by separating the wild branches from the true vine. It appears to us that the wild branches (heresies) are stronger and thicker than the true vine, which appears small, puny, and unfruitful, but God cuts off the wild branches and preserves the true vine, believers.
3. Financial Report - Darren Doehrmann
 - a. For the month of February, we had a **surplus of \$11,886**. Total giving was \$65,502 which was **\$4,225 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).
4. District President Nomination - Pastor Cook
 - a. We have the option to put forth nominations for president and vice president for Indiana district. Term length is 3 years.
 - b. Dave motioned to nominate within the council, and the motion carried.
 - c. Pastor moved to nominate Rev Douglas Bowman for district president
 - i. Seconded by Larry Ashley. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.
5. Computer Security Update - Dave Walls
 - a. Upgrades started based on computer system evaluation from the fall – replaced routers and servers. Next, to upgrade hardware and add antivirus.
6. Easter Egg Hunt - Sarah Frederickson
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday between the last 2 services.
7. Confirmation Gifts - Sarah Frederickson
 - a. 6 confirmands. Gifts to be confirmed that are still available.
8. Discipleship Program update - Sarah Frederickson
 - a. Mentorship in the works for students with Young Adults/Young Families.
9. Geothermal Update - Matt Hesse
 - a. Looks like we can reuse much of the existing loops inside the building for geothermal. Would need to do a drilling test to confirm conductivity of the ground, drilling ability through rock, etc. Sizing and design of the system needs to be completed. After, need drilling bids and inside mechanical bids. Can replace cooling tower instead but may not be optimal.
 - b. Need to consider installation windows for either the cooling tower or Geothermal. Need to ask drillers if drilling would conflict with school day or evenings in the neighborhood. Cooling Tower could potentially be installed during heating season.
10. Preschool All-natural Play Area Grant - Matt Hesse
 - a. Reviewing grant to reduce plastic in preschool's outside play area, more to come
11. The Lord's Prayer - Pastor Cook, @ 7:05pm