

Council Minutes
September 12, 2022

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

1. Welcome - Jim Snyder at 6:30pm
2. Devotions - Pastor Cook
 - Psalm 57 – Even through hardships, God’s steadfast love persists, and He continues to fulfill His purpose for us. Do not take the easy route away from hardship if it communicates to others a compromise of what we believe. Do not cause hardships between one another; bring glory to God by how we treat and speak to one another.
3. Financial Report - Darren Doehrmann
 - In the budget for '22-'23 fiscal year (FY), we assumed \$80k surplus; we ended the '21-'22 FY with \$53k surplus. We have \$27k of revenue to solve for based on the difference between \$80k and \$53k to maintain a balanced budget. We will pull from the following funds to produce the needed \$27k revenue for costs associated with the given fund.
 - i. Building designated fund (current balance of \$50k)
 - ii. Childcare COVID relief grant (current balance of \$15k)
 - '22-'23 FY: The giving income needed each month would be \$63k if divided equally throughout the year.
 - i. For the month of July, giving was \$58k which was 5% less than budgeted (July is typically a lower month). Expenses were higher than last year, but preliminary lower than budget.
 - ii. For the month of August, giving was \$63k which was 12% more than budgeted (August is an average month for giving). Expenses were not yet finalized at the time of the meeting.
 - Employer benefit enrollment (late Aug-early Sept) – provided same options as last year
 - Capital campaign – we have the funds; need the final all-in cost. To be communicated at the Voter’s Assembly meeting (November 20th). THANK YOU for your support!
 - Organ leathers replacement – multiple quotes are being considered
 - Financial review committee – review of '21-'22 FY to be reported at the Voters Assembly
4. Election Committee – Dave Walls
 - Members: Bev Silletto (chair), Matt Hesse, Paul Darlage, Darren Doehrmann, Larry Ashley
 - Voter’s assembly November 20th, between services and no meal
 - Positions to be elected: Worship & Music, Stewardship, Parish Education, Christian Relations, Missional Planning
5. Messiah - Pastor Cook
 - At the end of the options for musicians to ask to conduct the Messiah.
 - Please contact Pastor if you have a lead on a conductor.
6. Maintenance Update – Matt Hesse
 - Cooling tower material started (\$76k), install cost is not yet determined (\$37k). Also need to replace the disconnects (\$TBD). April 28th might be the completion timeframe.

- Exterior lights: LG&E hasn't given us the savings but attempting to contact.
 - Workday Saturday, 9/17; several projects to be completed. Many items have been fixed.
7. Rally Day, Sunday, 9/18 – Sarah Frederickson
 - 11 groups to set up in gym. Food to be provided. Booths and activities outside.
 - Wendy Davidson is Sunday School Superintendent, Corrine Burmeister found teachers.
 8. Picture directory – on Breeze. Last hard copy version of directory being edited. There is an app.
 9. Evangelism - Beverly Silletto
 - We are collecting items in October for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child so the school children can fill the boxes. (Shipping pick-up is November 14-21.)
 - There is also an option to donate online.
 - i. For \$25, Samaritan's Purse packs and ships a shoebox. A \$10 donation contributes to donated boxes shipping costs.
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give/>
 10. The Lord's Prayer - Pastor Cook at 7:14pm