

Council Minutes: June 20, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Dorothy Datemasch, Mack Flood, Bill Lavallee, Leanne Salava, Don Schultze , MaryAnn Sinwell

Absent: Howard Weigold

Devotions: Bill Lavallee focused on Proverbs 3:5-6 and Keep Pedaling

ADMINISTRATIVE

Election of Officers and Ministry Team Representatives:

Mack was nominated for president by MaryAnn, seconded by Leanne and unanimously approved.

Leanne was nominated for Vice President by Bill, seconded by MaryAnn and unanimously approved.

MaryAnn self nominated herself for secretary, seconded by Leanne and unanimously approved.

Dan remains as Treasurer.

Bill will remain Finance Ministry Team Council Representative.

Don will be the Property Team Council Representative and serve a 3 year term.

Dorothy will be the Activities Team Council Representative and will serve a 2 year term.

Howard will be the Worship & Music Team Council Representative and will serve a 3 year term.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017 with a change in wording from “occupation” to “participation” in reporting the status of Christian Ed William Penn Visits and correction of “devotion..” to “devotions” regarding the next meeting.

Pastor’s Report: (No Pastor’s report during vacancy.)

Financial Report (Bill Lavallee):

The May ‘Fund Balances’ report shows an end-of-month bank account balance of \$101,944 of which \$48,560 is in designated funds. The May cash flow (contributions minus expenses) was a negative \$814 for the month. For the fiscal year-to-date (November through May) the cash flow is a positive \$23,646.12, mainly due to not having a full time pastor, delaying release of the second quarter benevolences and having not yet having entered the summer maintenance period (especially soffit/fascia replacement). Overall contributions for the year continue to lag behind typical

contributions – monthly contributions are trending similar to prior years but without the December “bump” we continue to lag behind our budget.

A suggestion had been made to consider moving funds to a Ready Access Certificate of Deposit to be able to accrue interest. The rates were reviewed and deemed to be insignificant. The treasurer recommended remaining where we are and council agreed.

Ministry Team Reports: No reports submitted.

Property concerns were relayed by MaryAnn regarding pest treatment performed by Terminex and an ongoing investigation regarding repair or replacement of the heat pump serving Luther Hall with a cost ranging from \$475 to nearly \$6500.

Worship and Music:

Matt Lobe has accepted a permanent position and will be leaving as of the end of July

Communications:

A letter was received from Murrysville Economic and Community Development Corporation (MECDC) solicitation a 3 year agreement for new banners along Old William Penn Highway. Council agreed to fund the \$400 provided that our banner would be placed in a more prominent area. Leanne offered to investigate with MECDC. Leanne subsequently made arrangements for the banner and its placement which would be away from the church.

A letter was received from Cougar Land Services requesting permission to placement of a device on church property to monitor Seismic Activity. Council rejected the request. No action will be taken.

Old Business

Website:

MaryAnn will arrange website meetings to layout the structure for the new website based on the proposed Ministry Teams at the Townhall Meeting. The Thrivent Action Team money is good until August.

Retreat:

The annual council retreat is scheduled for Friday June 23rd and July 14th. The main focus of the retreat will be to identify those Ministry Team functions that are deemed essential to our congregation. Once complete, recommended by-law changes will be drafted for consideration and vote by the congregation.

New Business

Call Committee Update:

The Call Committee has asked for a joint Call Committee/Council Meeting to be held June 24th to discuss a potential pastor visit the weekend of July 7-9, 2017.

Transfer:

Two requests were received to transfer church membership: Carmen Lee and Barb & Dave Hall & family.

Resignation:

Amy has indicated that she will resign her role as Christian Ed Coordinator effective with Rally Day.

Adjournment

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting: July 18. Leanne has devotions. No Ministry Team guest.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by MaryAnn Sinwell (Secretary)