

Council Meeting

AUGUST 15, 2021

11:30-1:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 11:35 a.m.

Present: Rick Brown, Melia Borruso, Cassie Call, Bruce Broadwell, Bob Linkugel, Lisa Achen, Julie Hettig, Jack Harris, Pastor Charlane

Absent: Lisa Achen

Quorum: Yes

Approval of Minutes from Council meeting July 18, 2021

- Franca motioned, Rick seconded, motion passed (Melia and Cassie abstain)

Executive and Staff Reports

- Pastor Charlane
 - Additional notes not included in the report: Meeting with Rev. Vivian (Bhuddist monk). Rick Brown asked if it would be okay to have her come and speak since “interfaith relationships” was identified as a priority of the church.
- Lisa-Treasurer
 - Council reviewed report submitted by Lisa.
 - § Franca expressed concern about being low in funding, but is hopeful about the funds moving in the right direction.
 - § Jack commented on the cycles of giving during the church year, with summer usually being light.

§ Question: How many people are we getting in worship? ~60 per week. Someone stopped by last week who had been attending online to see the church.

§ Question: Do we have a line item for helping people in the congregation who need assistance? Discretionary funds will be used in these situations. Additionally, a fund will be raised for the Foley family (connected to church through the music program) during worship.

Old Business

- Property updates

- Fire Department Proposal

§ Subcommittee met with the fire department. They had a successful meeting reviewing their plans and what the Church's role will be moving forward. The fire department wants to rebuild their building but will need to lease the rectangular space on the back of the church property. The fire department is looking to pass an additional local tax for funding but may also use allocated funds from the state. They will be using the same driveway entry as they are currently but will loop their driveway using the rectangular space on the church property. They want to lease this property from the church and not purchase.

§ Per their discussion, legal fees will be covered by the fire department, along with liabilities and all costs specific to the project. The church wants to build a beneficial partnership between the two organizations (the church and the fire department) and would like for the community to be aware of the partnership as well.

§ The subcommittee expressed concern about how modern the building is but will continue to review plans to see if a retaining wall or fence is needed between the church and the fire department building.

- Other

- Education Building - Cannot find a document showing that they have dissolved the trust, and the property tax statement is still listed under a trust. Trust needs to be dissolved so that it can be moved into the corporation. This could be completed through a quick claim form signed by Laura and Paul. Recommended that the church will need to obtain legal advice to ensure that the proper steps are being taken. The church will go to a title insurance company who may help but are identifying others who may be able to help (look into the County's tax assessor's office).

- Locks on the door are not being completed yet.

- New project priority list

§ Remove sanctuary wall line item

§ Question: Are these priorities that we're using for the next capital campaign or did we want to identify funds? That's a decision that we'll need to make.

§ Siding and painting consideration is for all buildings on campus

§ Decking project - once someone is identified to lead the project, it will be picked back up

§ Recommended to get quote for each of our needs, then prioritize based on quotes (need more information about all projects). The Men's Group will cover the playground at the next meeting (specifically the shade structure).

§ Discussion followed about siding/painting and looking into various ideas for construction and for who will want to lead the project.

§ Need a contractor to give an analysis for what needs to be done, recommend getting 2-3 bids during the wintertime when work tends to slow down. Jack recommended utilizing the same group who put in the windows (Harrison Brothers). Suggested to look at local home building companies to see if any would be interested.

§ Suggestion to also look at various landscaping projects and electrical projects on campus. Some water companies have rebates for water projects and planting drought-tolerant plants. Landscaping projects would cover fire risk mitigation and water conservation. Melia will email Kathy for contacts.

§ Samantha, Rick and Jack will start reaching out to contractors, starting with the Harrison Brothers. Will discuss with contractors but Council thinks that the office and church building will need siding and repainting.

§ Suggestion to keep a running Contact Sheet for contractors and bids. Cassie will create the document and keep a running link in the meeting minutes.

- GWOH Ministry Fair: September 12 - will discuss at Leader's lunch next week, but have preliminary ideas to have a donation collection, food drive, etc. Jack suggested reaching out to the Friendly Neighbors organization in Meadow Vista, since they may know who needs assistance.
- General plan/agenda for Leader's Luncheon
 - Will connect those who expressed interest and gather to see how to incorporate their thoughts, will report out
 - Jack suggested to have "leadership certificates" thanking those who wanted to be on the leadership team. Pastor will lead the project.

New Business

- Youth Director Position “re-tooling”
 - Document attached in meeting email with different ideas about how to re-tool the youth ministry. Pastor and Melia suggested retooling the youth program so that it becomes a part of the youth director’s job description. Pastor Charlene – We’re bringing to the council because we’re asking for changes in direction for her job description
 - Should the youth director also be the coordinator of the Sunday School program? Decided that we will review the format of Sunday School in January and see if things want to be pursued differently. To review: See if we have the funds to support an additional coordinator solely for Sunday School. Look into various models for what Sunday School could look like.
 - Melia Borruso makes a motion to broaden the scope of the youth director position. Rick Brown seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- Designated Funds Review: Move forward with a stewardship program since it wasn’t completed in 2020 – will hold similar talk and presentation compared to last time.

Franca Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rick Brown seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.