

Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by President Steve. Present were Pastor Charlane Lines, Steve Bennett, Bob Linkugel, Lisa Achen, Amanda Hawkins, Karen Idler, Jack Harris, John Van Auker, Rick Brown and Betty Noreen.

Prayer by Pastor Charlane

Minutes

The minutes from November 19 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Jack and second by John, the minutes as written were approved unanimously.

Executive Reports

President: None.

Treasurer: Lisa's reports and proposed budget for 2024 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Last month's report indicated approximately \$8,000.00 spending over budget. There was an extra pay period of approximately \$6,000.00, which happens two or three times per year. Also interest on the siding loan of approximately \$2,000 was paid in December. Lisa, Pastor and Shelly will meet soon with Bookkeeper Suzanne and will clarify the Capital Campaign funds and other designated funds. 2023 was a challenging year for property expenses. Lisa met with the kitchen remodel contractor on Friday. The sub-contractors have submitted their proposals, and Lisa hopes to have the numbers for the Annual Meeting. The proposed budget income is \$16,000 less than last year and proposed expenses are \$9,336 less than last year with a deficit of \$52,529.70. Pastor had a conversation with an experienced Conference pastor this week regarding finances. He said we are not alone with a deficit and not to worry. The budget is a guideline which can be adjusted along the way. Bob moved to accept the proposed budget as written. Rich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was printed and inserted into the Annual Report for distribution today.

Pastor: Submitted her report by email prior to the meeting.

Old Business

At our next meeting under old business we will talk about the following:

- Bifurcated Annual Meeting
- Capital Campaign
- Property Use

Property: Pastor included a property report in the Annual Report for discussion at the Annual Meeting.

New Council Members: Lisa will speak with a youth about becoming member, and she will let Jack know if he should continue talking with another youth. Rick moved with a second by Bob to approve either of these youth, who would need to commit only to one year. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Youth Sunday-School Schedule: Amanda and Melia are moving Sunday School to the first half of the worship service after children's time, starting today and for this spring. The only regular attenders before the worship service have been their own children. This change might better serve other families with children. After Sunday School, third grade and under will go downstairs for activities and snacks, and the older children will rejoin the worship service for communion. Kat and Jenna have been coming at 8:30 A.M. to help with Sunday School. Jack moved and Lisa seconded a motion for Amanda to talk with Kat and Jenna about altering their time to arrive later, with the change in one month or whenever they wish the change to take place. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Lisa and second by Jack and with unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 AM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Noreen