

# Council Meeting Minutes

## May 21, 2023

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 AM by President Steve. Those present were Steve Bennett, Lisa Achen, John Van Auken, Amanda Hawkins, Karen Idler, Bob Linkugel and Rick Brown.

### Devotions

John led our discussion on Chapter Three of *Growing Young*, showing empathy for youth, who ask "Who am I? Where do I fit? How does God/Church fit into that?" Suggestions for empowering youth were getting their feedback, finding their interests, being considerate of their schedules, staying connected, and fostering discussions. Amanda will lead the discussion of Chapter Four at our next meeting in July.

### Music Ministry Report

Janine Dexter presented a written and oral report. She stated that young people want a choice and a voice in decision making, such as more repetitive type songs. The ministry strives to have a variety of styles of music and worship services (possibly outside or in the fireside room). Written Report:

**Sunday School** opens with 10 minutes of music: Singing, Orff instruments, rhythm instruments. SS kids periodically participate in worship playing accompaniment on these instruments

**Youth Band:** Currently involves 5 youth, they've led worship twice this semester. Singers are rehearsing regularly on Tuesdays to prepare for a summer worship. Janine has her eyes on training and adding Owen and Tanner, both on ukulele and keyboard.

**Bell Choir:** 13 active members

**Guitar lead worship** has been well received. Janine will continue to plan guitar-lead worship as a regular addition.

**Threshold Singers** are meeting again (members are from the larger community, one singer from FLC). Janine is working with Lone on the Prayer and Healing team to reach out to care homes and facilities.

**Original music:** Janine continues to compose music for church with Leah (a la Psalm 96)

**Alternative Worship:** Janine is researching/preparing music ideas in preparation of possible alternative worship. She spoke passionately about the long-term importance of curating alternative worship experiences. :)

**Legacy projects:** Another Legacy project is underway! (Video)

**Adult Ukulele:** Is underway again

### Mission, Vision and Values

John read the vision, mission and values statements.

## **Minutes**

The minutes from April 16 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Upon motion by Rick and second by John, the minutes as written were approved unanimously.

## **Executive Reports**

President: Nothing new.

Treasurer: Lisa's report was distributed by email prior to the meeting. Expenses were lower because one less pay period was recorded.

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

## **Old Business**

### Property updates:

Playground Equipment: The equipment will be delivered tomorrow. The cost was \$2,300 on sale. We will discuss installation with Sam Hawkins. We will keep the gravel and not change to woodchips.

Doors: The ramp door estimate is over \$10,000. Jack made a motion to replace the doors on the ramp with funding from the capital campaign. The motion was passed by the Council.

Congregational Survey: Amanda distributed the survey results. 57 people participated (37%). The results indicate that many people want to be involved on Sundays. They want to know what time commitment is needed for each ministry and whether it is flexible or overlaps with other ministries. Growth does not always mean more people but can be measured by a stronger congregation and fostered by a mentoring program. Rick noted that the data does not accurately reflect the congregation because of the high percentage of older members who participated and may not be committed to serving. He suggested another survey with signatures for volunteering. Steve noted that around 60 people attend worship each Sunday, which closely matches the survey participation. Another survey should target youth and identify those who are willing to volunteer. Karen suggested having another church fair so the congregation can talk with each ministry.

## **New Business**

June Council Meeting: The Council voted to cancel the June meeting for a summer break.

## **Adjourn**

By unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted from notes provided by Jack Harris,  
Betty Noreen