

# Council Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2021

## Meeting called to order at 11:35 am

1. Present: Pastor Charlane Lines, President Melia Borruso, Vice President Rick Brown, Treasurer Lisa Achen, Bob Linkugel, Franca Jones, Samantha Tannarome, Julie Hettig, Jack Harris
2. Absent: Cassie Call, Bruce Broadwell

## Opening

1. Devotion/Prayer lead by Pastor
2. Mission, Vision, Values Read by Franca
3. Rick motioned to approve minutes from 9/19, Bob seconded. All voted in favor to approve minutes from last month's meeting.

## Executive and Staff Reports

### 1. Pastor's Report

- a. Pastor is taking on more maintenance and facility responsibilities than is desirable.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Lisa reports that we are stable but recommends stewardship meetings or quarterly reports to encourage giving.
- b. We discussed and decided that resuming the council's monthly congregational reporter along with the 3 upcoming temple talks (Steve B, Anna V, and Lisa A) will hopefully serve this purpose.

## Property

### 1. Fire Department Proposal

- a. Rick Brown reminded us that the vote on the parcel tax is still 2 years away.
- b. At this point the agreement is strictly verbal; council decided it's best to get it in writing (either email, meeting minutes etc.) and **Rick will follow up with this.**

### 2. Decking

- a. Trex settlement for ed building decking has been proposed and we have agreed to sign the acceptance letter (waiting on the check to cover the replacement of the deck.)

### 3. Property Trust

- a. After a \$400 bill from the lawyer, the property trust is settled and done.

### 4. Heating and Air Conditioning

- a. Spoons has given us a bid for \$9,000 for mini-split heat/ac units that would service the two areas being used by Kids' Place. (Running our large units for Kids' Place during the week has added a significant amount to our electric bill) and **Jack will look over that bid.**

- b. Lisa motioned to approve the \$9,000 bid upon Jack's review, and adds that we request an additional unit in the Wheaties box. Jack seconded. All voted in favor.

## 5. Sanctuary Siding

- a. Pastor has reached out to multiple contractors, some who could do spot repairs for the siding of the sanctuary, some who would replace the entire thing with Hardie Board, and some that could just do the final painting.
- b. Council would like to have all the siding replaced which would cost \$51,000. Bill Harrison has a contact that is supposed to be sending another bid. Possibly we could have Fowlers do the painting for \$10,000 (estimate) once the new siding has been installed.
- c. Because this is such a large sum, Jack suggested calling a congregational meeting to propose securing a low interest Mission Investment loan that would cover the sanctuary siding and painting. Multiple council members could help present this to the congregational meeting (November 14) and **Julie expressed interest in helping.**

## 6. Landscaping

- a. After making contact (or attempted contact) with multiple companies, Franca motioned to accept the bid from Mr. Valencia for our drought tolerant landscaping in the front yard of the church using \$8,000 from our capital campaign for the landscaping and an additional \$200 for plants. Lisa seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.
- b. Council recommended getting plant advice and recommendations from Jackie Brown, Sharon Harris, and Kathy Van Zuuk in the congregation and **Franca will meet with them to discuss the timeline and progress of this project.**
- c. Council notes that Will Stonestreet plans to work on part of the front yard for his Eagle Scout project this spring.
- d. Council notes that we need to meet with landscapers before work begins to make sure they know about septic tanks (**Bob and Jack offered to meet with them.**)

## 7. Lower Playground

- a. Kids' Place offered to replace the existing play structure outside the fireside room with a structure that would be more accessible by younger children. They offered to purchase and install it.
- b. Some members of our church, upon hearing this news, expressed concern over this decision because it was made without input from the congregation and also because the new structure is intended only for young children and older children still use it and enjoy the current one.
- c. Discussion: Why is it important to take the old structure down? Is it unsafe? Do older children use the current structure? Are there supervised places for kids ages 11+ to play during coffee hour so their parents can be nearby, visiting in the fireside room when the weather turns cold? Are we giving up a structure that

serves our current church community and families in favor of serving the needs of a preschool whose kids are no older than two years old?

- d. Bob motioned to allow Kids' Place to purchase and install upgraded, safer play structure and remove the old one. Franca seconded, and all voted in favor.
- e. **UPDATE: Kids' Place has decided not to replace the existing structure (instead they'll add smaller components for their littles to play on.) There are no hard feelings at all; they are happy to put up the one they purchased from Wayfair on their other campus. We, as a council, will need to check on the structure and address any safety concerns.**

#### **8. Sign Gift**

- a. Julie Hettig and Scott Warren have offered to purchase and install new signs identifying the direction of the fireside room, office, and sanctuary to be placed at both entrance areas of the church to help visitors navigate our church campus.
- b. Jack motioned to approve the installation of the signs and Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

#### **Additional Action Items**

##### **1. 2022 Budget**

- a. **Lisa and PC will draft a budget to present to Council at November's meeting**

##### **2. Staff Reviews**

- a. **Melia will begin the end of year review process for Pastor and Janine**

##### **3. Congregational Reporter**

- a. **Samantha offered but cannot report this week (Melia will report instead)**

##### **4. Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- a. **Nov 14 (council meeting and special congregational meeting to discuss the loan)**
- b. **Nov 21 (Consecration Sunday)**
- c. **Dec 12 (longer council meeting)**
- d. **Jan 16? 23? (regular congregational meeting to approve budget etc.)**

#### **Adjourn**

- 1. Franca motioned to call the meeting to a close at 1:03 pm. Rick seconded and all voted in favor.