

Council Minutes: July 18, 2017

Attendance:

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

Absent: Howard Weigold

Devotions: Leanne Salava focused on Rick Warren – The Best is Yet to Come and Laura Casey – I need a Fresh Start

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion made to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017 with a correction of a typo and acknowledgement of Leanne's subsequent work on the Murrysville banners.

Meeting times have changed to 6:30.

Installation of the new council will be tentatively the second week of August.

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

Financial Report (Bill Lavallee):

Discussion was held on reducing the amount of information provided on the financial section. Financial Highlights will be provided.

YTD \$154K contributions, about \$35K behind previous years. Expenses down \$52K from previous years (about \$50K of that is attributable to not having a pastor). \$106K in cash in the bank account.

Discussion was held regarding the holding of memorial funds to assure we have the funds to cover the pastor's salary until the mortgage is paid in full.

Ministry Team Reports: No reports submitted.

It will be expensive to replace the HVAC system for the office areas. Lowest current bid is about \$6,000. Due to the level of expense, we should have at least three bids. Bids have been difficult to obtain – it took 8 days to obtain 1 bid and it didn't match the request. Church workday set for second Saturday in October.

Communications:

Soup walk is set for September 23rd.

Received thank you from Camp Lutherlyn for our donation. Josh & Jordan Pelusi and Joey Borgia attended confirmation camp this year.

Old Business

Website:

The first meeting will be July 19th at 6:00 to set the initial structure for the website.

Pastor Hybl's Visit:

Feedback was very positive and turnout for the meet and greet sessions were very positive.

Ministry Teams:

The streamlined ministry teams were discussed and will By-law changes will be drafted for consideration and vote by the council and the congregation.

For an outreach activity, Franklin Regional approached us to sell food at the football games. Julie will contact meet with Franklin to discuss further.

New Business

Vacation Bible School:

There are 24 kids attending Vacation Bible School. Four children indicated they had no home church. Julie is planning to follow up. Mack will follow up with other attendees.

Call Committee Update:

Last activity of Call Committee is to receive and distribution the call documents. Documentation of the process will be saved for posterity.

Pastor Hybl turned in his resignation effective August 15th. He already has a house picked out and placed August 17-19th. His start date and insurance carry over was discussed. We would like him to be here for Rally Day and would like a September 4th start date. Installation should be within the first 3 months, but it doesn't have to be during a service.

Organist:

Vincent Orne has sent in his resume as a potential candidate. He has a very impressive resume and will be invited as a substitute organist to play for the congregation.

Ministry Teams:

Each council member is asked to meet with their teams and put together a summary for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting: August 15. Don will have devotions. No Ministry Team guest.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by MaryAnn Sinwell (Secretary)