

Council Minutes: September 19, 2017

Attendance:

Present: Dorothy Datemasch, Mack Flood, Bill Lavalley, Leanne Salava, Don Schultze, MaryAnn Sinwell, Howard Weigold, Pastor Hybl

Devotions: MaryAnn Sinwell –Have you heard the song Christians sing to the Savior

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ministry Report

Dorothy: Met separately, but will hold a meeting of Evangelism and Fellowship Teams to bring all people together to hone in on who wants to be which ministry teams. As a result of the discussion, there appears to be a misunderstanding of the “new” consolidated ministry teams. Pastor suggested we be careful using the name of “teams” as we are all part of one body. Dorothy’s team will be called Christian Life. The previous “Fellowship” group does not want to be told what to do.

Howard: Soul Life was proposed for the Worship/Christian Ed Ministry Team.

Bill: Gifts for Life was proposed for the Stewardship Ministry Team. Memorial tracking is maintained separately by Dana Fetter.

Don: Don will act as “manager” and Irv will be the assistant. Property Management will remain the name.

Diana Hillman attended as a guest to talk about Christian Ed. She believes that it is a 40 hour per week job. Diana is concerned VBS, Rally Day, Bibles, Christmas Crafts, Family Sunday School, WDOGS. Each month that we delay is an issue. Diana has been working on cleaning out the Christian Ed office and would like to use current resources rather than having to pay for lessons. We have 3 teachers: Sarah, Mack and Michele Heiner. Mack discussed the role with Dan Plance. He might be interested with guidance and remuneration.

A motion by Bill was made and seconded by Howard to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017.

Pastor’s Report:

Pastor Hybl provided a report for the month.

Financial Report (Bill Lavallee):

Contributions for August was \$12,600. Expenses were almost \$16,000. Therefore, for the month we saw a net loss of \$3,345.

YTD contributions are lower than in past years. We remain positive \$26K through the end of August.

The current bank balance is \$103K as the bank balance, down \$4,400 from the previous month. Our actuals are \$39K below budget.

Miscellaneous expenses of \$1,078 were spent for Franklin Regional and will be reimbursed.

For YTD budget, all categories are on track except maintenance, which is over budget.

Ministry Team Reports:

Property:

A report was submitted and a grading issue was brought up:

- Don will hire an excavator to regrade areas.
- Several property drains are blocked.
- We are in violation of grading ordinances.

Worship Service: One organist has withdrawn from the process, one came in for an audition. Organist. He was extremely qualified – he submitted a nine page resume was submitted.

- We need to offer a reduction in scope to be commensurate with what we can afford, namely:
 - 2 Saturdays
 - Sundays
 - Holidays
- Funerals will have to be addressed on a case by case basis.
- Offer 10% less will be put forth by Howard.
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OLD BUSINESS

Miscellaneous:

Pastor Hybl will start to reach out to the organizations that use our church.

A potluck will be held for Pastor Hybl's installation. We need invitations sent to pastors and advertisements to Tribune, Murrysville Star. Pastor Hybl will take care of local clergy. Leanne will handle the invitations. We should have a cake. Mack will take care of the cake.

Maryann will work on bylaw changes and will have a draft ready in time for the budget meeting.

The soup walk is off.

Care calendar is complete.

Computers were purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Ministry teams, now Circle of Life Groups need to get together to review the black and red lists.

Once Pastor Hybl's closing takes place, we need to do something special for the Whipkeys. The Hybl's closing is scheduled for September 25th.

Budget planning needs to include planning, creation, communicating it to the congregation, Christian Ed, Dan Plance involvement, Amy's role, organist position, property, etc.

Budget and Bylaw Meeting will be October 22nd. Announcements will need to be October 8th & 15 with budgets & bylaws ready for the 15th. October 2nd council will meet at 7:00 for a draft budget review.

We need to assure we, as a council we present a united front and need to attend as many events as possible.

If there are issues that need to be addressed, we need to know where the issues have come from so that issues do not go unresolved.

Success stories this year:

- New pastor
- Property events
- Pastor's closing
- New website

New property request was submitted. Mack will send out via email.

Pastor recommended having a Town Hall meeting once Circle of Life Groups are set.

Need to have a back up for secretary's vacations.

Next 5 important things:

Circle of Life Groups

Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting: October 17. Howard will have devotions. No Ministry Team guest.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by MaryAnn Sinwell (Secretary)