

Council Minutes: October 17, 2017

Attendance:

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

Devotions: Howard - If I was a good Christian why would I struggle with sin?

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ministry Report

Christian Life: ELC has previously participated in the Murrysville Night of Lights. We have an opportunity to participate on December 1st from 6-8 PM with Santa, music, games, crafts, etc. We could pass out coffee or hot chocolate. Dorothy made a motion to participate. Don seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dorothy asked for Pastor's participation at the next Christian Life meeting

Soul Life: Elizabeth the organist has been well received but is unwilling to commit. Dr. Nagy was interviewed on September 12th and a subsequent meeting was held on the 24th to prepare an offer. The offer was made but declined based on distance. An ad was placed in Trib and Post Gazette (plus 30 days on Monster.com).

Christian Ed held a meeting on September 28th and family Sunday school, Christmas program and VBS were discussed. Three students are in the confirmation class this year. Diana reiterated the amount of work required to maintain in light of Amy's resignation from Christian Ed Coordinator. Meeting was held on October 10th. DCE position versus coordinator was discussed.

Life Stewardship: Monthly meetings were not held, but name was confirmed by members.

God's Property: Don has been working on uncovering the culvert. Dave, the code enforcement officer indicated any drainage must go into the existing drainage pond, otherwise we would need engineered plans. Eight inch pipe outlet could not be located. Motion was made by Don to accept the plan to connect the 12" drain with new pipe to direct the flow to the retention pond. Motion was seconded by Bill and unanimously approved.

A motion by Dorothy was made and seconded by Howard to approve the minutes of September 19, 2017.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Hybl provided a report for the month.

Financial Report (Bill Lavallee):

Contributions for September were \$15,763. Expenses were almost \$24,239. Therefore, for the month we saw a net loss of \$8,476. The new HVAC system was included this month.

YTD contributions are lower than in past years. We remain positive \$17K through the end of September.

The current bank balance is \$95K as the bank balance, down \$8,200 from the previous month. We are projecting a bank balance \$76K-\$77K at the end of this fiscal year. Our contributions and expenses will meet for the end of the year (but expenses were down \$35K below budget.) Contributions are \$17K below budget.

Miscellaneous expenses of \$1,078 were spent for Franklin Regional have been reimbursed. Mortgage balance is at \$73,600.

Communication

Building Use Application for Girl Scouts for the last Wednesday of each month. Motion was put forth by MaryAnn, seconded by Dorothy and passed.

Amy's resignation.

How to deal with it:

Bare bones general bulletin

E-News

Herald

Website

OLD BUSINESS

Miscellaneous:

Pastor Hybl thanked everyone for the effort put into Pastor's installation.

Bylaws were prepared and ready for the annual meeting.

Craftn' Crazy approved.

Flow chart of organization was set forth and will be included in the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Appreciation gift should be presented to the Whipkey's for housing the Hybl's, possibly a weekend event.

Annual meeting presentation will be prepared and presented at the meeting. Mack will work on the voting member list.

Only people who are willing to put forth issues will be dealt with. Council is not prepared to respond to rumors.

Feedback on ministry teams was requested and Mack wanted to make sure communication is ongoing.

Who should be included on Care Calendar? Should we include non-members? members, inactive members, those who regularly attend services, and immediate family members.

Ark policy: we need to talk to insurance policy carrier regarding posting "use at your own risk" signs.

Next events:

- Nights of Lights
- Christmas Children's Play
- Confirmation/Reformation
- All Saints' Day
- Christmas

Website ministry team information on the website needs updated. Input is needed from the ministry teams and it will be updated.

Motion was presented by Pastor Hybl and seconded by Howard to recommend Joey Borgia for confirmation.

Pastor Hybl recommended approval for an NAS drive to share information. Don put forth a motion to approve the purchase; Bill seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Convocation is set for November 11th. Mack will represent us.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting: November 14th. Dorothy will have devotions. No Ministry Team guest. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by MaryAnn Sinwell (Secretary)