

# Council Highlights: May 21

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- The April financial report showed a negative cash flow (income - expense) of **\$2,597** for the month. For the fiscal year-to-date (Nov. through Apr.) the cash flow is a positive \$5,195.
- The council voted to release \$2871 of accrued 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter General Fund Benevolences (5% of offerings) and undesignated Benevolences, to be allocated by the Benevolence Committee. (This disbursement is already factored into the above cash-flow numbers.)
- Homer Adams, Emmanuel's Organist and Choir Director, was a guest of the council where he shared some thoughts as to how our music program might be better structured to enhance our music program within the constraints of our current congregational realities. His suggestions met with general approval and will be further considered.
- The council welcomed Bob Jordan who was elected to a three-year term at the May 19 Congregational meeting. The council also voted to approve Lou Hiener who has agreed to serve a three-year council term. Allocation of council positions and committee assignments will be established shortly.
- The contract for driveway and parking lot seal-coating and lining has been awarded and the work will be performed as weather and schedule permit. The work is to be phased in such a way that access to the church will remain possible throughout the project.
- The council voted to increase the authorized hours of Gloria (our church secretary) by five hours a week to better accommodate the congregation's needs.
- The council spent a considerable amount of time discussing the circumstances and content of the discussion that took place at the end of the May 19 Congregational Meeting. A letter was read representing a group of members who raised objections to the procedure. It should be clarified that this open forum was never intended to result in a congregational action, as that would be in clear violation of the provisions of our Constitution. However, it is believed that the concerns raised during the forum did need to be aired, even as the council acknowledges that the way in which the forum took place was unfortunate in a number of respects. The council recognizes the strong feelings that are currently present within our congregation and requests the patience of all parties as the council endeavors to work through the issues in a manner that will best serve our congregation and honor our Lord.