

Church Council Meeting  
November 17, 2020, 6:00  
via Zoom

Council Members present: Daniel Russo, Margaret Baldwin, Anne Sullivan, Edward Eggleston, Paris Hancock, Phil Owen, Kathy Sheibley, Cara Rothe, Belinda Moos

Anne moved that the October minutes with updated corrections be accepted. Paris seconded the motion. Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Phil, because he wrote the minutes)

Belinda gave a detailed explanation of the 2021 budget. Comparing the 2020 budget and where the Church is now financially at the end of the year, basically the income is low and the expense line is comparable. Factors contributing to the situation are reduction on the lease for the first quarter, more AV equipment needed, and rise in insurance and deductibles. No vote was taken.

Belinda recommended showing only the current year budget to the Congregation as was done last year. Anne suggested continuing with some online meetings after restrictions are lifted saving both parking costs and downtown evening stress.

Belinda encouraged any questions about the budget be sent to the budget committee.

At the end of budget discussions at 7:00, Belinda left. Paris left to attend PRC training. Christina Hellums, Bill Cunitz, and Julie Blanchard joined the meeting.

Margaret opened with a reading from My Grandfather's Blessings and a prayer.

Meeting guidelines were read.

Edward gave an update about parking arrangements with P'5. Parking arrangements are referenced in the ground lease, and Ted Heid will be talking to P'5 about this issue.

As to welcoming Rev. Elnes, an email was sent with some suggestions such as sending cards or greeting him as he is moving into his office. Phil expressed the possibility that this could be disruptive on moving day. Margaret suggested compiling a list of those who would be interested in participating and having groups of 6 staggered at different time intervals across the street on Broadway. A Made in Oregon gift from the Council seemed to be agreed upon. Anne will look into this and send an update.

Treasury Report submitted by Edward. Anne questioned how long the reserves will last. Cara suggested putting together a sustainability team again to monitor the spending down of the reserve. The team would be overseen by the FOC. This suggestion could be presented to Rev. Elnes. Bill said pledging will remain open until prior to the next Council meeting. No calls will be made to those who have yet to pledge.

Daniel shared Carter Latendresse's written report. Soul boxes can be dropped off at the Church Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 – 2 at the Madison Street door or by contacting the Church office. Steve's number is 770-712-7520 and Cara's is 971-285-0545. Carter will be leaving so a replacement will be needed to facilitate the Peacemaking Core Ministry.

Margaret submitted Nan Wagner's Community Core Ministry written report. A reminder that if anyone has an idea for an activity, class, etc., contact Nan and she can help put it out there and see who is interested.

Cara gave the business manager's report which is in Google Drive. She reported the building will probably be closed until at least the end of November. The protest situation appears to have become more confrontational so that Church Aid Station was only open to medics.

Ann Narayan will be transferring to the Lutheran Church.

Suggestion was made for more instruction on and promotion of the making of the Advent candles. Perhaps a fellowship hour could be used to make the candles.

Bill received a message from Bunny Oliver that she was unable to access the meeting at 7. He did respond back.

Prayers were requested by Christina for her friend, Anne for her mother, and Bill for Katherine Brumbaugh, Heidi Levy, and Carol Lynch. Daniel gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Sheibley