

September 13,2021
Council meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:31 p.m.

Members present: Dave Bahnsen, Patricia Ernst, Anne Fetzer, Del Hughes, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor, Pastor Chad Whaley

Members absent: Curt Casper

Meeting opened with prayer focused on Isaiah 40.

Pastor's Report

Highlights from this month's Pastor's report include:

Education meeting to explore new opportunities and ways of doing faith formation.

Attended two pre-marital sessions and a baptism.

Participated in WBARC, Free Indeed, Conference 7 and Advocacy Network meetings this month, as well as attended games our youth participated in.

Several pastoral visits and prayer meetings held this month.

Looking forward to upcoming preaching workshop, fall Theological and continuing education course via Zoom.

Secretary's Report

Jill motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dave P. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$784 donated for backpack initiative; remaining funds of \$302.85 sent to the school.

Kristin motioned to approve the report, seconded by Dave B. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

Tree limbs trimmed and clean up in progress.

Education & Youth

Looking to add a faith formation class for ages 2-8 once a month on Sunday during an outdoor service. This would include a snack, simple craft, and Bible study. Many faith at home kits are distributed to this age group and could help families with small children attend outdoor services.

Committee plans to combine confirmation and youth class starting in October.

Evangelism

God's Work Our Hands scheduled on September 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Committee is widely publicizing for more community involvement. This is a great outreach to build trust with the community. Many thanks to Dave and Kami Poppen for donations to help with this event. This includes spaghetti dinner.

125th anniversary celebration planned on October 24. Committee is inviting past pastors to attend. The celebration includes a meal and fellowship.

Fellowship

Currently hosting informal fellowship after services. Looking into how to handle future fellowship sign-ups and participation. Committee asks for donations to support fellowship activities.

Stewardship

Vanco online donation is available to the congregation and visitors in October. This includes online and mobile app options. Committee is also reviewing a Give Plus Text giving option. All donation options will be published in a future newsletter.

Worship and Music

Future of the Cookie Walk is unknown. Committee is looking for volunteers to take over this mission. Kristin plans to explore organizing and will report back to the committee in October.
Choir practice has not started yet.

Old Business

Reviewed COVID protocol and no changes to current protocol.

A wedding is planned at Bethany on October 16. The couple has rescheduled their ceremony twice. The couple and all guests are asked to follow protocol and recommendations made at pastor's discretion.

We plan to continue with both indoor and outdoor services as long as possible.

Local Missions

There is a budget line item for local missions donations this year.

New Business

Staff Recognition

Bethany has an excellent staff, doing work above their duties. Pastor appreciates the exceptional technology help Paula provides. Council recommends a staff appreciation day.

Request to use Great Hall A member, Tammy Urmie, asks to use the great hall for a quilter market in October. She'll limit number of attendees in the hall at a time, as well as follow protocol.

The council has no concerns with the request.

Tailgate Funding

Cost is split with the Methodist church. Our share is approximately \$350. Dave P. moved that the expenses are covered by youth fund, seconded by Anne. Motion approved.

New Doorway Rugs

Replacement cost approximately \$400 for four new mats. However, the 2021 property budget may exceed its limit. Dave P. motioned to approve rug purchase, seconded by Patsy. Motion approved.

Add Closed Circuit Monitor in Great Hall, which will allow people to view worship in the Great Hall in case of overflow, people in nursery, or setting for fellowship, etc.

Estimated cost to add this technology is \$500.

Kristin motioned we provide funds to cover cost of closed-circuit television to the Great Hall, seconded by Dave B. Motion approved.

Kristin moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Jill seconded. Motion approved.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – 10/11/2021

