

Jan 16th Council Meeting

Attendance:

Pastor Sarah
Chris Westermeyer
Dennis Stolp
Jason Koering
Rebecca Sauer
Brent Swisher
Elsa Larsen
Nancy Nelson
Angela Smithson
Teri MacNabb

Call to order 7:03pm

Devotions leaders assigned by Chris - most likely no Council meeting in August

Reminder meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Pastor's Report:

Same as annual report - highlights based around a theme of gratitude. Priorities set in the spring of 2023 were acted upon in the summer and fall. Personal gratefulness - Rooted & Renewing is going well, staff changes have been good. Special thanks to Kurt and Teri for cleaning up the Treasurer / financial recording and reporting. Awesome work. 3 Baptisms. 3 Confirmands. 17 new members.

Treasurer's Report:

2 larger donations came in - \$10,000 applied to Rooted & Renewing and \$17,000 applied to the general fund. This will show up on the next report.

Report has November budget numbers, Teri will update and resend.

APPROVE REPORT.

Move: Brent Swisher
2nd: Elsa Larsen
approved

Building Committee:

Vacuum \$630 quote. Committee to choose which vacuum.

Move: Angela Smithson
2nd: Rebecca Sauer
approved

Boiler repair - electrical work only based on quote from Air Mechanical

Move: Brent Swisher
2nd: Elsa Larsen
approved

Boiler pump repair tabled. Possible 2nd quote ?

Parish Life:

Advent Suppers were good, well attended. Special thanks to Dick Hendrickson.

Lent Suppers coming up. First is Feb 21st hosted by Youth & Education Committee
5 Weeks of Lent Suppers - NOT during Holy Week.

Outreach

Valentine themed Coffee Bar Feb 4th - charity Keystone Food shelf. Collecting money and leveraging their buying power gets more food than a traditional canned food collection.

April 27th Irish Themed pancake breakfast. Phil making pancakes, Gary to provide/coordinate Irish themed music.

Old Business

2024 Budget

Parking lot resurfacing is not in the operating budget because it was paid out of Rooted & Renewing fund.

The Montessori school contract is up in June. It will most likely be renewed with a small increase. Anticipating \$14,580 in income.

New \$150/month rental income for instrument storage from Turnaround Percussion / Lake Wobegon Brass Band

Note - 'pass through' items (money collected then immediately sent out or donated like Monthly Missions) are not listed not listed as line items in the budget for 2024 to make actual costs to the congregation more clear.

Synod giving is at the recommended 10%.

Teri will speak during Annual Meeting to answer any budget questions.

Chris will get details on recast loan after the mortgage paydown is made (load is automatically recast after a paydown).

Mortgage paydown of \$200,000 will be made from Rooted & Renewing. This was an amount that is significant but will not deplete the Rooted & Renewing fund.

Move: Nancy Nelson

2nd: Rebecca Sauer

Approved

Recommend budget to congregation

Move: Angela Smithson

2nd: Dennis Stolp

approved

New Business

Pastor introduced upcoming training.

Synod Toolkit - 1 day seminar for lay leaders in the congregation

Season of Renewal - 7 sessions spread over the year - mix of virtual sessions and in-person sessions.

Focus is on who we are as a congregation and where we are going.

Como Park is participating this year. Prince of Peace did it last year which helped them build their Tiny House initiative.

Council saw this as a good opportunity to help plan for the future and potential upcoming challenges.

Fund (over 2 years) for Season of Renewal - training through the Synod though partially funded by the Pastor Training fund.

Move: Angela Smithson

2nd: Dennis Stolp

Approved

Adjourned

Following the meeting, on January 18, 2024, an email motion was made to replace the boiler pump at a cost of \$6,776.

The motion was approved by email vote.