

St. John's Congregational Council Meeting

March 21, 2022

Members Present: Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Karen Bentley, Shirley Blake, Aaron Clark, David Clark, Doug Cress, Michael Grimm, Kathy Myers, Sky Singleton, Paul Wittenberg, Pastor Seth Jersild, Pastor Patti Morlock

Members Absent: Gary Smith

President Aaron Clark called the March Council meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Secretary Karen Bentley passed around a sign in sheet for attendance. There were one additional Agenda item about communication with members who volunteer to serve at the Contemporary service added by David Clark.

The meeting began with a presentation of a proposed funding plan for the Accessibility Improvements/Welcome Center building addition. Council members were given a handout of this plan. Construction Team members include: Pastor Seth Jersild, Wayne Beavers, Doug Grossman, Cynthia Hutson, Dennis Imbrock, Butch Myers, and Dan Yeater.

Council members heard about the components of the Proposed Funding Plan Structure and the Team Leader(s) for each. These include: Major Gifts and Pledges-Pr. Don Allman, Church Fundraisers-Mistie Clark, Grants, Corporate Funding, and Church Asset Utilization-Dan Yeater, Bank Loan-Ike Stage and Steve Johnston. This Team shared their ideas for each funding source component and answered Council members' questions.

President Aaron Clark made a motion that we have one Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2022 in the Family Life Center following the 11:00 services so that the Funding Team can present their proposal to the congregation at that time. Paul Wittenberg seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

President Aaron Clark then made a motion that the Funding Team proceed with sharing this plan with members and securing advanced pledges and gifts toward the proposed building addition. David Clark seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Treasurer Kathy Myers made a motion to approve up to \$750 from the Endowment General Fund for 3D renderings of the proposed addition. Pastor Patti Morlock seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Treasurer Kathy Myers then made a motion to spend up \$1500 from the Endowment General Fund to purchase the license of the original proposed drawings for the accessibility project from McKnight in order to receive bids for the construction project from other builders.

Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Seth Jersild reported that the Sunday night Bible Study is going well and around 18 people have been attending the sessions. The Lenten soup suppers are going well. This past Sunday we returned to receiving communion at the Communion rail. Attendance and participation in church activities continues to increase.

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Patti Morlock reported the our application to be an Internship site has been submitted. An Internship Team has been formed. Karen Bentley will be the Team Leader. Members include: Phil Pennington, Rick Butsko, Pr. Tom Phillips, Julie Von Lohr, and Jill Althoff. The Team will begin meeting when an intern is assigned to us. Please note that NALC requirements stipulate that the intern must have private housing and not live with any member of the

congregation during the internship. Karen has made initial inquiries about possible housing arrangements.

A Women's Retreat is being planned for October in Lancaster, PA.

Pastor Patti is looking for children that would like to participate in the procession for The Cry of the Whole Congregation. Children need to attend the rehearsal on Sunday, April 3.

Financial Report: Treasurer Kathy Myers emailed the February Financial Statement to Council members. She reported the MOPS Designated Fund would be going away since the group is no longer meeting. There had been a balance of \$3760 remaining in that account. MOPS members decided to disburse the remaining funds to these accounts: \$1000 to the Youth Ministry, \$1000 to VBS, \$1000 to Bed Brigade, and \$760 to Sunday School. Michael Grimm made a motion to approve the Financial report. Wayne Beavers seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Treasurer Kathy Myers reported that the Boy Scouts have \$1500 toward a new replacement shed. St. John's contributed \$500 toward the shed. The Boy Scouts requested that St. John's contribute an additional \$2400 to the shed with the understanding that if the Boy Scout group disbands the shed would belong to St. John's. Kathy made a motion that we pay the \$2400 out of Memorial Unrestricted Savings. Doug Cress seconded the motion. Council members had several questions about this arrangement. Michael Grimm will ask Mike Esposito our questions and report back at the next meeting. The motion was tabled until the April Council meeting.

St. John's has hired a Nursery Attendant. There is a line item in the budget for this position. The salary through the remainder of 2022 is \$2000.

Membership Report: None

Old Business:

Technology Team Report: Pastor Seth reported that the "new" sound board is in use. Donations have been received to pay for it plus all the other goals of the team.

Property Team: Pastor Seth will report on this at the next meeting.

Internship Team: See Pastor Patti's report

New Business:

NALC OMR Annual Convocation: Karen Bentley passed out a "Save the Date" flyer for the annual Ohio Mission Region Convocation at Oromo Evangelical Church in Columbus on Saturday, May 7. All members are encouraged to attend.

Communication with Volunteers for Contemporary Worship: David Clark asked how volunteers sign up and are notified about when they will be readers or communion assistants at the Contemporary services. Both Pastor Patti and Pastor Seth noted how challenging it has been to get volunteers to maintain an on-going commitment to this in the past. Elaine Bennett coordinates these volunteers.

Council/Congregational Concerns: no items were brought before Council at this meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M. following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Meditate on the Matthew 25: 14-30 Bible passage in the “Church Council Orientation” handout. Be prepared to share your thoughts in response to Question #1 below the reading (All members)

Review the Minutes and respond to Secretary Karen Bentley within 48 hours with approval/additions/corrections. (All members)

Property Team-form & begin meeting (Pastor Seth)

Begin talking with members and asking for their financial commitment pledge for the proposed building addition (Funding Team members)

Prayerfully consider completing and returning a pledge card to support the proposed building addition (All members)

Save the Date for the OMR Convocation on May 7(All available members)

Clarify the details regarding the Boy Scout shed proposal (Michael Grimm & Mike Esposito)

Complete paperwork for annual background check (All members)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M in Rooms 103 & 104 in the FLC