



2/14/23

Congregational Council Minutes

Attending:

President: Shay Andersen

Vice President: Steve Andres

Secretary: Betty Behee

Treasurer: Bruce Mathias

Evangelism: Matt Springer

Fellowship: Tim Surratt

Parish Ed: Ginny Clark-Ab

Preschool:

Property Mgmt: Mike Davis

Social Concerns: Mary Ann O'Hara-Ab

Stewardship: JoAnn Philpot

Worship/Music: Liz Mathias

Youth: Nicki Pellham

Pastor(s): Pastor Jana Schofield

Intern Pastor Jory Mickelson

Open & Prayer: Shay Andersen -

Devotion & prayer - Liz Mathias

Ongoing:

1. Financials: Bruce reported

November 2022 offering was \$29,000 with a net gain of \$5,000

December 2022 offering was \$30,000

Year end deficit \$7,800

January 2023 giving down with a \$7,000 loss

2. Covid: We will discontinue use of red, yellow and green dots and delete mention in bulletin

3. Consent Agenda:

Treasurer's Report, Pastor's Report and minutes.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved.

Discussion/Vote

1. Mike (P&M) reported the purchase and replacement of the failed breaker using designated capital funds.

Motion: Motion was made and seconded to approve the replacement of the failed breaker using designated capital funds. Motion was approved.

2. Emily Perry leave of absence:

- a. CLC agrees to give Emily Perry, accompanist, one month unpaid leave, February 1 - 28.

3. Sub Accompanist Job Description & Don Clausen sub in month of February.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve Emily Perry's one month unpaid leave and the Sub Accompanist Job Description and Don Clausen as sub for the month of February. Motion was approved.

4. Laurel - wage increase at one year

5. DEPT to report to Social Concerns instead of directly to council moving forward

6. Gift Policy: After much intense discussion, a **Motion was made and seconded to accept the Gift Policy.** More discussion followed and the motion was amended:

Amendment to motion as follows: In section 5 b, for expected \$10,000 gift, \$4,500 to General Maintenance and \$4,500 to Operating Fund, with the intention to revisit gift policy in 2024.

Motion was approved as amended.

7. Staff/Committee Roster: Let Laurel know of any corrections or changes

8. Council Replacements:

- a. Susan/Preschool - to be nominated
- b. Jerry/Parish Ed - Ginny Clark to finish Jerry's term.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to welcome Ginny Clark as the new Parish Ed rep to council, to finish out Jerry's term. Motion was approved.

9. Goals - "3 Buckets";

Worship/Reformation; Blended worship, combining traditional & gather

Finance & Demographics; Our congregation is aging and many are on fixed income

In Reach/Outreach; Many programs and ministries, not enough "hands" or income

We need to narrow our focus. Recommended that we refer discussion to Exec

Informational

- 1. Exec teams from Whatcom Cluster to meet on Wednesday, February 15 with CLC hosting
- 2. Annual Reports - some still not submitted
- 3. Report from Pastor Jana on meeting with the 5; they were happy to have met and "felt heard"
- 4. Pastor Jana - shared her heartfelt letter concerning a call to Christ the Servant in Bellingham. Letter will be sent to the congregation Wednesday morning at 9am. Many tears were shed.

Closing

Pastor Jana - prayer requests and closing prayer.

Next Meeting:

Exec - To be determined

Council - March 14, 2023 @6:30pm

Minutes recorded by Betty Behee