

## November 2018 Council Minutes

St. John's council met on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Present members included Jen, Marlo Kim, Dan, Kyle, Joel, Al, John, and Kelly. Pastor John, Deacon Amanda, and Lindsay were also present. Sharyn was absent. Sam Marsland and Dennis Foster attended as special guests.

### **1. Call to Order**

Jen called the meeting to order at 7:03.

- a) Sam Marsland represented the Media Commission about the aging projector in the Sanctuary, which roughly 10-15 years old. Due to a higher demand for multimedia in worship and other activities, switching over to a television would better meet the needs of users. The cost of an 86" television is roughly \$2500, plus mounting hardware and CAT5 cable. Replacing the existing aging projector is roughly \$5,000-6,000, plus the lens, which is roughly \$500. Media has addressed this problem/proposed solution to many affected commission to seek input. Additionally, the television can be used as electronic banners for seasonal events and funerals. The current money is held in a dedication account. Dennis Foster spoke to council on behalf of the Call Committee, which plans to address the congregation on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. An excellent candidate was selected, but declined due to a family issue. While the Call Committee is disappointed by the setback, they are committed to finding the perfect candidate for the church. An email will be sent to the congregation in addition to the Temple Talk to the congregation.
- b) Council received no notes or correspondence, but thanks several individuals and businesses for their diligent help over the last month. Travis Bebee, Al Flickinger, Dave Aakre, and Nelson Gas for their help with obtaining and installing the high efficiency water heater. The water heater was supplied at cost to the Church. Brittany of her work with Mother's Matters was also recognized.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Marlo made a motion to approve the agenda. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **3. Devotions**

Marlo led devotions.

### **4. Reports**

- a) *Discuss Staff and Commission Reports* –Media is looking to supply a television for the Kindergarteners to accommodate the new curriculum that includes video snippets. Amanda will follow up with Sam about needs and implementations. Pastor John presented council with a policy manual that he had located that had updates to the church constitution. He is working to ensure that the policies included are current and that nothing is missing.
- b) *Approve Previous Meeting Minutes* – Kyle made a motion to approve the submitted reports. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **5. Financials**

- a) *Budget* – Kim has started the 2019 budget, and the Finance Commission will continue to build the budget for council to evaluate and approve. Council recognized Adam Richards for sitting in on budget meetings with Kim and offering advice and suggestions for improvement.
- b) *Summary of the past month's financials* – October ended with \$2000 positive, but there is still \$21,000 owed to the dedicated accounts.

- c) *Envelopes* – In an effort to reduce costs and improve the counting process, the labeled giving envelopes/booklets will be eliminated for 2019. Blank envelopes will be available in pews. This will save roughly \$1500 on printing and \$600 on shipping. Jon made a motion to approve the new envelopes. Al seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **6. Old Business**

- a) *Call Committee Update* – Dennis covered this in the opening.
- b) *Commercial Property Insurance* – Kelly submitted a request for proposal to 4 companies on November 1<sup>st</sup>, with a due date of Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. She met with Properties Commission to update the progress, and Dave Aakre offered to visit and tour companies who have requested to take photos in order to build their proposals. A task force of Kelly, Jon, Joel, Kyle and a member of Properties can work together to evaluate the proposals and make a recommendation.
- c) *Council Retreat* – Jen will email Council to determine any dates that people will not be available for a Friday/Saturday in February or March
- g) *Roundtable Discussion* – Jon suggested reestablishing a stewardship commission in order to fundraise through church to raise money to support church operations. Jen would like to see a slide to share with the congregations of “this is what we [could do]/[has been done] with everyone’s generous giving.” Jen will send out an email with a policy developed by the Personnel Commission on parental leave for council to vote on.

## **7. New Business**

- a) *Safety Task Force* – Marlo was approached about starting a safety task force. Amanda indicated that some relevant content is included in a safe space policy. However, there is a need to educate leaders on proper procedures in event of severe weather, medical emergencies, and other safety/protection issues that may affect worshippers/students.
- b) *Membership* – Marlo has been working with staff on the membership roster. She has been developing a consistent procedure and classification for members and visitors.
- c) *Closed Session* – Elected council held a closed session.

## **8. God Sightings**

Participants shared God sightings they had recently witnessed.

## **9. Motion to Adjourn**

Kyle made a motion to adjourn. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **10. Lord’s Prayer**

Council closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

## **11. Upcoming events/meetings**

Next council meeting is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. December devotions will be led by Joel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch