

## **November 2019 Council Minutes**

*Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7pm Fireside Room*

Present: Marlo, Kim, John, Kyle, Dan, Ann, Rayelle, and Kelly. Deacon Amanda, and Lindsay were also present. Jen, Al, and Pastor Dave were excused.

- 1) Call to Order - Marlo called meeting to order at 7:02pm
  - a) Approval of Agenda – Due to the fact that Pastor Dave and Jen were absent, and the anticipated time needed to review the preliminary 2020 budget, the agenda was modified. Jon made a motion to approve the agenda. Rayelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - b) Welcome any guests – Jim Brenke was present and shared a painting of Jesus with children that he had created. He was recently commissioned to create some pieces for another church. He offered to recreate the same image, only larger, and gift it to the church, if St. John’s would like to display it in the Fellowship Hall. Normally this decision would fall under the Memorials and Interiors commission, but as this group is currently in transition, Council agreed that the painting would look beautiful to hang in the Fellowship Hall, and thanked him for his generosity and for sharing his talent.
  - c) Review any thank you notes or correspondence sent to Council or St. John’s – Council was not aware of any correspondence to the church. Kelly sent thank you cards on behalf of Council to Dan Penz and Terry Czeck noted in last month’s meeting.
- 2) Devotions – Kelly led devotions.
- 3) Reports –
  - a) Discuss/Approve previous meeting minutes, staff and commission reports – Council reviewed the submitted reports with no additional comments. Kyle made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Ann seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4) Financials
  - a) Summary of the past month’s financials – Kim reported that October -\$2,500 and year-to-date is -\$14,000. There is currently \$20,000 in general checking, and if November is strong, Finance would like to make a due-to-dedicated payment of \$10,000.
  - b) Preliminary 2020 Budget – this was reviewed in closed session.
  - c) Narrative Budget – The Communications commission will be taking the lead on creating the narrative budget. All are encouraged to share any inspirational giving stories with Ariana.
- 5) Old Business
  - a) Book Study – This discussion was tabled until December.
  - b) Stewardship update – Jon reported that the Thank You meals were well-received and well attended. He reviewed upcoming dates. Lindsay may utilize youth and their parents to assist (meals and child care offered during the Coffeehouse event) with fundraisers to help with earning credit on 2020 trips.
- 6) New Business
  - a) Roundtable Discussion – A request was made by an outside group to offer a babysitting for a parents night out to raise funds for a school trip. Because the facilities usage policy is currently under review, and there were some concerns about liabilities, council agreed to decline until the policy could be reviewed along with the commercial property insurance policy. Lindsay suggested recommending a meal-related fundraiser that has more clear-cut parameters. Rayelle said that the membership directory will be advertised very soon. The church will earn 8 percent through orders. Up to ten submitted photos are allowed for no additional fees, which is a good choice for shut-ins or those who are deployed who may not be able to travel to church for photos. Members are encouraged to utilize LifeTouch for photos and will receive a free

directory and one free 8x10" photo. Kim updated council that during the budget meeting, the Thrivent Choice commission is disbanding. The commission recommended that Thrivent Choice funds to be directed to the General Fund rather than dedicated funds. These allocated dollars should continue to be monitored, and the Stewardship Commission will be responsible for managing the Thrivent relationship, and the Communications Commission will annually remind the Thrivent Choice participants within the Congregation about selecting St. John's as their beneficiary for Thrivent Choice dollars. CKP had staffing updates that included an assistant teacher moving into the Little Lambs lead role, and a substitute moving into a teacher's aide. Details were not available, as the request was just received. Ann made a motion to approved the CKP personnel updates, and Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b) Elected council members held a closed session.
- 7) Council shared God Sightings that they encountered.
- 8) Motion to Adjourn – Ann made a motion to adjourn. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9) Council closed the meeting by reciting the Lord's Prayer.
- 10) Upcoming event/meetings
  - a) Next council meeting – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Fireside room. Kyle will lead devotions. Rayelle will lead Chapter 7 of the book study.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Utesch