

Church Council Meeting Minutes

from meeting held January 24, 2017



Present: Carol Adair, Bruce Batt, Lisa Carr, Deb Clark, Christine Fuqua, Laurie Geschrey and Aaron James

Absent: Carol Radovich and Robert Skutt

- **Opening Prayer:** led by Bruce
- **Approval of Minutes:** January 10, 2017 meeting minutes were approved
- **Old Business**
 - **Steeple** – no news to report
 - **Church Bell** – Lisa spoke with Tom Foley regarding budget concerns. The team will work to provide a complete recommendation, understanding that the project may not be able to be completed immediately. Completing the recommendation will ensure the project is ready to go when resources are available.
 - **Budget/Mortgage** – 2017 Budget was reviewed. Even with a bare bones budget, we are still projecting a significant shortfall. The Finance Team met and discussed possible options which were shared with Council. Council will be sharing details about the budget, our goal to pay down the principle balance on the mortgage, our preliminary ideas on how to do that, and will gather input from the congregation during the upcoming Budget Meetings.
 - When discussing options, Laurie mentioned that a number of groups that offer spiritual and/or educational events could be interested in coordinating events at our church, which could increase our income. **Laurie** will share Meta Monthly with Council and will also gather information about other activities and fundraisers to help us reach our financial goals.
 - **Annual Budget Meeting Communications** – The Annual Budget Meeting will take place in two parts. February 26 meeting will include presentation of budget concerns and possible options as well as discussion/questions from the congregation. March 12 meeting will include response to congregation and vote on the budget. **Lisa and Aaron** to begin preparing congregation communications. Aaron will also be preparing information for Council regarding capital campaigns for the February 7 Council meeting.
 - **Bingo Fundraiser** – Ronda Feller offered to coordinate a bingo night fundraiser. Bruce Batt mentioned his wife, Cindy, may be willing to help as well. **Lisa** to follow up with Ronda; Ronda to connect with Cindy.
 - **Other**
 - Linda Gilmore submitted a letter of interest in the Music Director position. **Lisa** to reply with our thanks and confirm that hiring will be Aaron's responsibility.
 - The Columbarium Team asked for some time to present information about niches and progress on the project at the Budget Meeting. Council agreed that the Program meeting would be more appropriate and that the committee could utilize

other communication options in the meantime. **Lisa** to follow up with the committee.

- **Laurie** reported progress on the Policy Project. She will establish a team, meet with them and prepare a project timeline (minimum goal is to complete book of policy by year-end) within the next 30 days.
- **New Business**
 - Pastor's Report – will be shared at the next meeting.
 - Other
 - Jan Kees provided notice that a \$5000 grant has been awarded by Neighbors in Need to fund a convection oven, which will help support our Hilltop Suppers. **Lisa** to follow up with Jan – scope of project and budget is needed. Assuming the project budget remains under \$5000, it can be approved.
 - Deb reported that Jim Halverson expressed interest in serving on Council. **Lisa** to provide Deb with Council Overview draft. **Deb** will gather other materials as well to share with Jim and will invite him to join us for an upcoming meeting.
- **Closing Prayer** – was led by Laurie

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: Council will meet at 6:30 pm on February 7, 21, 28, March 7 and 21

Minutes submitted by Lisa Carr