

Council Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2020

The zoom meeting was called to order by president Jim Snyder at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDEES: Hilary Agnew, Mitch Burmeister Pastor Cook, Jason Estel, Travis Fuhrmann, Rick Hannon, Dwayne Hardin, Matt Hesse, Rachel Sallaberry, Jim Snyder, Dave Walls, Wes Wrucke.

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Cook read the Bible verse, John 14:26. "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all the things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." With these words, Jesus reminds us that our Counselor and helper, with the Holy Spirit as our physician, will continue to feed us with rich provisions of Jesus' medicine that we have been taught and will continue to stand by Christ's people for the life of the Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Hilary added revisions to August 2020 financial report based on new data. August had a surplus of \$15,041 from \$8,785 previously reported. School revenue was revised from \$17,051 to \$22,458 more than budgeted. Expenses were changed from \$881 to \$31 more than budgeted. Our accumulated deficit changed from \$16,053 as reported to the revised \$9,797.

The month of September showed a surplus of \$14,901. Total giving of \$51,683 was similar to August, and was \$6,411 less than budgeted. School revenue was \$20,649 more than budgeted due to a lump sum tuition payment. Expenses were \$6,029 more than budgeted due to storm damage incurred which will be reimbursed by the insurance company. The bill for the new phone system has been paid.

The month was budgeted to be a positive month by \$12,743. The September surplus is due to the PPP loan funds of \$23,340 without which we would have had a deficit of \$8,439. Giving for the year is already \$28,837 under budget. We need to make sure giving stays on budget to have a balanced fiscal year. Overall, we have an accumulated \$5,104 surplus.

The PPP loans should be forgiven when PNC begins accepting the paperwork.

OTHER FINANCIAL ITEMS: The Special Mission Fund established by one of the church members was closed out by unanimous consent. Pastor's fund for members facing hardship is still available. Staff Christmas fund currently has \$3000.

ELDERS AND USHERS: Jim will turn ushering over to elders to improve the process. Ushers will facilitate seating and social distancing. There needs to be a formal schedule and appropriate training for everyone. Jim and Dave will usher until the elders assume the duties.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The meeting will be set for November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving to elect new board members whose terms are expiring. The meeting will take place between services. No meal will be served.

ADVENT PLANS: Council unanimously cancelled Advent meals as a result of the Coronavirus. We still will hold Advent services.

BYLAW UPDATES: Dave asked the council chairs to review their bylaws and send recommendations to council for discussion. Elders recommended some changes. Stewardship will present their changes at the next meeting.

Dave complimented Pastor and each council member individually for jobs well done during this Coronavirus crisis.

Pastor closed the meeting, leading members in The Lord's Prayer.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for November 9.