



**March 16, 2021
Church Council Meeting
(via Zoom)**

Council Members Present: Pastor Frank Espegren, Andrew Ford, Bob Huckfeldt, Charlene Singley, Dan Maloney, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier (left during Old Business before votes), Joel Kimmelshue, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Linda Eytcheson, Pastor Jon Haug, Rita Blomster, Robin Keller

Guests Present: Lynne Gilbertson, Rebekah Turnbaugh

Absent: Pastor Amy Kienzle

1. **Call to Order @ 6:33 pm** - Kim Hendricks
2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Jon
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Correction to attendance record offered by Jenny. Draft minutes adjusted accordingly.
 - b. Motion by Robin and 2nd by Linda E to approve minutes with changes. Passed unopposed by show of hands, with 1 abstention.
4. **Reports**
 - a. All reports as filed, points of discussion noted below.
 - b. Pastor Frank
 - o Pursuant to the request of our parking garage tenant (who is restructuring it's debt on the parking garage), the review of our legal counsel, and our contractual obligations pursuant to the lease, St. John's issued an estoppel to the tenant's lender.
 - c. Pastor Jon
 - o Scholarship committee is working on revising their Commissioning Mandate, and will bring to the Council next month.
5. **Financial Report**
 - o Giving is strong, relative to the budget and relative to 2020, putting us in good position for the rest of the year.
 - o Unexpected issue has arisen with the mineral rights and more royalties have been deposited. Issue is being investigated and will need to be resolved with the sale agent.
 - o Current cash balance: \$1,574,822
 - General Operating Fund
 - February Revenue: \$160,898
 - February Expenses: \$129,450
 - February General Operating Net Income: \$31,448
 - YTD General Operating Net Income: \$66,773

6. Old Business

Unrestricted

a. Restorative Justice Proposal

- Executive Committee met in a closed confidential session to understand better the underlying issues around this proposal, with specific names and incidents discussed. Those details were not provided to the Council.
- Executive Committee recommended based on that discussion to recognize that harm was done throughout the Misa Hispana ministry and that appropriate steps ought to be taken to reconcile with those who were harmed and to learn whatever lessons can be learned.
- Motion: Approve the revised proposal (Not to Exceed \$5,225 without additional approval from the Council) from Rebekah to conduct the restorative justice process by the means presented to the Council, including the delivery of a non-confidential report that can be used to guide a lessons-learned discussion, with the funding coming from the set aside money from the Goethe Estate.
- Motion made by Andrew Ford, Seconded by Linda Eytcheson. Motion passed with a vote (by electronic poll) of 8 in favor, 2 opposed, with 2 abstentions.

b. 1725 L Leasing Update (Plates)

- Current deal includes renting the apartment as well.
- Lease is currently being reviewed by parties on both sides.
- Lease finalization is pending an ADA inspection, to be conducted this week.

c. Resuming Indoor Worship

- Sacramento County moved to Red Tier, allowing indoor worship within certain parameters.
- Staff are making preparations to hold indoor worship on Easter Sunday with limited attendance and precautions. Currently looking for volunteers willing to serve as Greeters and Ushers.
- Future plans include a single indoor worship service on Sundays, in addition to online services, until conditions improve.

d. What's in a Name Task Force

- The What's in a Name Task Force concluded with recommendations for a process of Renaming, Repentance and Reconciliation. The Council only took action on the Renaming portion at that time.
- The Racial Justice committee has proposed two resolutions to advance the work of the Task Force's recommendations into their work. Resolutions are appended to these minutes for reference.
- Motion to adopt resolutions made by Jenny, 2nd by Andrew. Motion passed by show of hands, with 2 abstentions.

7. Announcements

- a. Recognition of the recent death of Jim Kuhl, longtime member and leader at St. John's. Prayers for his family as they grieve his unexpected loss.

Adjourned at 8:28 pm

Next Meeting April 20 at 6:30pm, via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Ford
Church Council Secretary

**PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASE OF THE
WHAT'S IN A NAME TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Whereas, **Racial Justice** is a key value of the **St. John's Lutheran Church** congregation.

RESOLUTION A

And, whereas, the **What's In A Name Task Force** completed the first phase in a recommended three phase project of **Renaming, Repentance and Reconciliation**, resulting in the renaming of Goethe Hall to **The Gathering Place**.

Therefore, be it resolved that the **St. John's Congregational Council** direct the **Internal Culture Change team of the Racial Justice ministry** to explore actionable implementation ideas for the second and third phase (**Repentance and Reconciliation**) and present recommendations to the **Council** for review and approval.

RESOLUTION B

Whereas, the **St. John's Congregational Council** approved the sale of the oil and mineral rights that was a part of the financial bequest to St. John's from the C.M.Goethe estate with the stipulation that the proceeds be utilized in a reconciliation project.

Therefore, be it resolved that **the St. John's Congregational Council** direct the **Internal Culture Change team of the Racial Justice ministry** explore possible utilization of the sales proceeds and present recommendations to the council for review and approval.