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**September 17, 2019**

**Church Council Meeting**

**Council Members Present**: Pastor Frank Espegren, Pastor Jon Haug, Pastor Amy Kienzle, Bob Huckfeldt, Ted Norris, Kim Hendricks, Charlene Singley, Joel Kimmelshue, Julie Spezia, Karen Ross, Kurt Barneson, Lisa Gardiner, Nick Zylstra, Linda Baldwin

**Guests Present:** Carolyn Brodt, Lyla Hanson, Lynne Gilbertson, Kat LaTurneau

**Absent**: Lisa Berg, Devin Lotez, Rebekah Turnbaugh

**Topics:**

1. **Call to Order @ 7:00 pm - Bob Huckfeldt**
2. **Opening Devotions - Pastor Jon**
3. **Approval of Minutes - Bob Huckfeldt**

Friendly amendment was made by Charlene Singley to correct spelling.

Motion to approve the July 16, 2019 minutes.

M/Charlene Singley S/Lisa Gardiner Motion passed 100% by voice vote

1. **Sojourners group and Commissioning mandates**

Lyla Hanson reported to the Council about the history and activities of the Sojourners group. The group plans and takes day trips, is self-sustaining through fees for the trips and has no set schedule for the trips. The group has an ongoing arrangement with Good Shepherd Lutheran for parking of the bus on trip days.

The Council discussed the proposed commissioning mandate. A motion was made by Joel Kimmelshue to accept the mandate, seconded by Karen Ross and passed by voice vote with one abstention.

A commissioning mandate for Stephen Ministry was also presented to the board by Pastor Jon. A friendly amendment was made to clarify that the program will participate in the annual budget process. Pastor Frank moved to accept the mandate, seconded by Ted Norris and passed by voice vote with one abstention.

1. **Pastors Reports -Pastors Frank, Jon and Amy**

**Pastor Frank**

* 1. Pastors have just returned from a 48-hour retreat to Tahoe for worship planning
  2. Three congregational meetings are being held over the next few months to explore the church’s mission, vision and values for use by the Master Planning Committee
  3. Focusing on work of stewardship, endowment fund and master planning

**Pastor Jon**

1. Spending time over the past two months team building with Pastor Amy and with Youth and Family Ministry after the addition of Katie Smith to the team
2. Stephen Ministry is recruiting and hoping to recruit at least 6 applicants to begin training in January
3. Programming year for Sunday school, confirmation and high school classes has begun after a successful summer of youth trips

**Pastor Amy**

1. Continuing to get to know the people of St. John’s especially those who have worked in Outreach or who have an interest in evangelism, social ministry and invitation/welcome
2. Working with Rebekah on structure and leadership in key ministries, especially the Food Pantry, and to create a Good Neighbor Policy
3. Worked with Vicar Carolyn and Rebekah to plan God’s Work Our Hands Sunday
4. Helped to plan installation and Racial Justice Committee and formed a Mutual Ministry Team
5. **Director of Community Organizing -Rebekah Turnbaugh**
   1. A Good Neighbor policy has been discussed and created and is currently having conversations with those who use our property to communicate the policy
   2. An email has been sent to the Mayor and copied to the members of City Council regarding the ballot measure Sac Kids First
6. **Executive Director of Administration -Linda Baldwin**
   1. Looking for another nursery attendant and property staff is undergoing some changes in staffing.
   2. St. John’s has been named a 2019 California Preservation Award recipient and Linda and Lisa Berg will accept the award at the ceremony in October
   3. Bids for the parking lot drainage and repaving work are being reviewed
   4. Goethe Hall roof work has begun and areas of dry rot have been discovered and are being addressed
   5. Emergency Action Plan training has begun and will continue with more drills including more key individuals
   6. Beginning budget projections for 2020 with Kat
7. **Financial Report -Ted Norris**

Treasurer Kat LaTurneau was in attendance to answer any questions about the financial reports and plans to attend Council quarterly. Income for August was $152,489 and expenses were $133,900. Total cash available at the end of August was $1,283,392.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Public Witness Committee

The committee is continuing its work on Goethe Hall name research and is not ready to bring anything to Council at this point.

* 1. Pastor Frank’s Council voting status

According to the constitution, the senior pastor has voice and vote and the other pastors have only voice during Council meetings. Pastor Frank would like to give up his vote and have a standing abstention on Council votes. He will still count towards a quorum for the meeting and on votes where he feels a pastoral vote is needed, he will consult with the other pastors before casting a vote on behalf of the pastors.

* 1. Director or Music report

The director of music would like to submit a quarterly report rather than a monthly report to Council. After discussion the Council asked to have a monthly report in line with what is submitted by the other directors.

1. **New Business** **– Bob Huckfeldt**
   1. Commissioning Mandates

The presented mandates were discussed and voted on above.

1. **Announcements**  **– Bob Huckfeldt**

Day of Service, September 22 following the 9am service

Mission, Vision and Values history event September 29, 12:30pm to 3pm

Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Next Meeting October 15 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Hendricks

Church Council Secretary