



"We seek to be a loving and caring community in response to the love we have received from Jesus Christ."

WORSHIP

CONNECT

SERVE

Unapproved Council Minutes September 18, 2018

Members present: Pastor Hans, Katie Rentschler, Jennifer Rentz, Bonnie Schnell, Brooke Zabel, Bruce Luehmann, Deb Moorman, Marc Sugden, Tyler Geyen, Jana Berndt, Brent Iserman, Dave Ahlquist,

Members absent: Mike Svobodny, Deb Dittberner, Sarah Suchy, Olivia Kopp

Pastor Hans led us in devotions. Vice President Marc Sugden called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda. There were no changes or additions.

STRENGTHENING OUR MISSION AND VISION FOR MINISTRY

Worship: The fall theme is "We Can Do More Together." In October this will include our giving to tie in with our stewardship appeal.

Wednesday worship has begun. There were over 180 present the first week.

Connect: Connect groups are relaunching for fall. There are also 5 or 6 new groups. There are videos and conversation guides that can be used for these.

Next Steps gathering is September 23. 50 – 60 may attend this class. The emphasis is on getting new people involved, with membership being one of the options.

Serve: 1300 bags were packed for Backpack Attack. Thanks to Bremer who matched our donation. There will be a focus on Bihar the weekend of September 29 and 30.

SUPPORTING OUR MISSION AND VISION

Consent Agenda: Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the Consent Agenda. This consisted of August meeting minutes, staff reports and fund approvals. Fund requests included money for JLG Architects for designing, yarn for baptismal blankets, and library books.

Old Business:

Staffing: The search for an Executive Pastor continues. At this time, two candidates have expressed interest. Pastor Nathan has agreed to continue as long as we need him.

IT Update: The new website is up and running. Try it out! Thanks to Katie R. and Heidi for all their work. They are open to any feedback.

Children & Student Fall Ministries: JAM is happening at 10:45 for 2 – 4 years olds, DIG for 5 year olds – third graders happens between services. IMPACT for 4th and 5th graders is moving to Wednesday nights. Confirmation (ELEVATE) also happens then. FUSE is for high schoolers and is similar to the adult connect groups.

New Business:

The Building Planning Team held their last congregational meeting (for this stage) on Sunday. Over 200 members have attended these meetings. These will begin again in November. The staff and committees have taken “listening” very seriously. Changes will be made and again presented to the congregation.

The Feasibility Team has reached out to 80-90 families. 30 intent cards have come in from these conversations.

Treasurer’s Report: Bruce shared the August financials. 2019 General Funds stewardship will begin. Again, automatic giving will be encouraged. The council is asked to have their commitments in by October 1; the congregation by November 1.

An internal audit was conducted by Harley Vestrum, John Loken, Dale Vollmers. Thanks to those members. This year the audit included the preschool and suggestions to improve their operating procedures. Bruce suggested we look into an external audit. Pastor Hans will get some information on the costs, etc. so that we could include that in next year’s budget.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approved the Treasurer’s Report.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to include Wally Stukel as the 4th regular money counter.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Council Meeting Dates:

October 16, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 at Deb M’s

November 13, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 (2nd Tuesday of the month) at Brooke’s

December 11, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 (2nd Tuesday of the month) at Mike’s

Executive Meeting

October 10 at 3:00 at Calvary