

AD COUNCIL MINUTES: FEBRUARY 5, 2023 11:30 AM

Mason United Methodist Church

The Mission and responsibilities of the church council were read. Ad Council is open to all members of Mason Church.

Reports

- Finance (Kathy Sprik): Currently there are unfilled positions on this committee. Mason is operating between \$7,000 and \$9,000 in the red each month. The church has approximately enough in endowments to support operations as is for 55 more months.
- Trustees (Dana Lede): From this point on, emergency spending only. The trustees are looking into this a bit more deeply. We are fortunate to have members who can do some repairs to defray costs. Steve Fisher was able to fix the furnace by the nursery.
- Staff Parish Relations Committee (Margaret Nelson): Need for childcare for the upcoming conference.
 - Seeking a part-time choir director for the upcoming months of March, April and May. Would like to hire a full-time choir director by September 2023.
 - SPRC will be revamping job descriptions in the near future.
- United Women of Faith (Carol Sprague):
- Nurture, Outreach and Witness (Gail Simpson): How to reach out to our current Mason neighbors? The Food Bank serves the community. The upcoming Football Challenge. Looking for more ideas of how NOW can serve.
- Project Mason (Pat Roundy – Pastor Susan filling in): The floor was open for questions.
 - Does the sanctuary have to go? The windows?
 - What do we need to sell? Will Mason be sold piece by piece?
 - How can we remain a community?
 - Sell the land?
 - Can the organ be saved? Moved?
 - Statement: Change is survival. Transitions happen about every 20 years.
 - How will this change be meaningful to this community? Mason Church and the surrounding neighborhood?

- We need to be excited about growing together as a congregation. People are more important than the building.
 - We currently have too much unused space, as under the Education Wing and office.
 - All of the above ideas and emotions have already passed through council.
 - Surveys are available online. Paper copies will be available for those that need them.
- Lay Leader (Del Permann): Positive about the time to change, and time to share with each other.
 - It is important to listen to each other.
 - 112 families were served by the Food Pantry on Wednesday and Saturday.
 - WE ARE THE CHURCH!

Reminder: Susan will not be at our next meeting, as she will be away for the 5 weeks.

Next meeting: March 5, 2023

Minutes submitted by Chris Wittstock