



Council Minutes

September 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

Attendance: Pastor Walter, Darcie Gorell-Evers, Doreen Evans, JoWana Opitz, Michele Hertle, Tom McCaffrey

Absent: Deb Benson, Jim Collins, Maria Edlund, Jon Kuneli

Guest: Kari Owens

Devotions - JoWana

Call to Order - Darcie

Great Give-away Update by Kari Owens

- Planning the event in April was with the intention to Advertise to those in need. Ads were listed at CAP agency, Prince of Peace outreach, Savage library and then to social media
- Many Donations comprised of 80 quilts, a clothing Warehouse had jackets, t-shirts and hats. It was organized very well into sections. A free meal provided by a Thrivent Grant, served by the Evans served around 170 people.
- There were 40 Volunteers making it a success. 70% of the merchandise was given away. Still more continued to be taken by in-house members and the remaining was taken by DAV.

Welcome Pastor Walter Still

Team Building Exercise – Pair-Up

I. **Leadership:**

Pastoral Update - Pastor Walter

Pastor Walter has met the congregation. He's taken a group tour to Berean Baptist Church to research screens that they use. He is working with our church volunteers, confirmation leader, and staff on upcoming events.

Report from Treasurer – Doreen

- August for the month -\$585 and YTD + \$9,735K
- \$71K in our Endowment fund.
- Power Outage effecting Monitor, Server, and Firewall. An update package projected around \$2,500.
- Phones failed and need to be updated, switching to Net2phone.

- Electrician support for speakers and screens; paid stipend of \$300
- Computer support for server, firewall and internet; paid stipend of \$300

VP Report – Darcie

Technology Project Update; Trim type will be decided, Hearing Impaired accessories will be available

Stewardship Appeal – Building a Culture of Generosity (BCG) – Deb, Bjorn, Darcie

- Invite congregational witnesses to video stories of generosity: from teens, families, events.
- Timeline for Survey and resources for staff
- Public appeals on 10/29, 11/5, 11/12
- Fall festival on 11/19; highlighting a Harvest and gathering.
- Final budget to Council in December

II. **Support (Community Life)**

St. Paul Area Synod meetings – Darcie and Pastor Walter will attend

Opportunities from Rev. Justin Grimm

- October 7 presentation: Tools for the Church, with an activity of Building houses and gardens for \$15/person for the Staff.
- Invite new members to Religious Spiritual retreat on 11/4 – Tom , JoWana enlisting members

Operations Audit Update – performed by Kayla Clark, Mark Lind.

- Insurance policy is next to be Audited.
- Expecting new policy starts Sept. 30 with a new agent.

Faith Teams

- Anticipation to build new teams in the fall
- Posting new times available

Emergency protocol training : AED, threatening activity, etc.

Pastor Walter will train ushers for use of equipment and procedures

III. **General Business**

Consent Agenda - Darcie

- Approve August council meeting minutes. Tom motioned to approve minutes; JoWana, second; Unanimous approval

Around the table

- Tom will provide music for Fall Festival on 11/19
- Pastor Walter – his work is $\frac{3}{4}$ time, he continues to identify the duties.

Community

- Building use: prayer group on Saturday
- Just for Kicks on Mondays with eight kids in the group.
- Dishwasher repair; \$600 to do tune up and clean the machine spraying lines. It has a lot of lime build up and Gail will continue to de-lime monthly.

Next Council Meeting Tuesday, October 17

- Devotion Volunteer - Tom

Parking lot

- Future insurance policy
- Wage – cola at next finance meeting; Health insurance vote will need council vote by email ,for a timely reply on a Oct. 13 deadline.

Adjourn