



## Church Council Meeting Agenda

**Members Attending:** Darin Leach, Eleke Ukpabi, Pat Warner, Karen Fausch, David Rawson, Jackie Black, Arnie Porath, Pastor Owen Cayton

1. Opening Prayer/Devotion – Eleke Ukpabi
2. Approval of Minutes- (5 mins)
  - \*Motion To Approve: Eleke Ukpabi
  - \*Second: David Rawson
  - \*Passed: Unanimously
3. Review of Financial Report – Jackie Black (15 mins)
  - \*Motion To Approve Financial Report: David Rawson
  - \*Second: Eleke Ukpabi
  - \*Passed: Unanimously

Jackie shared that the Church was informed on 8.20.24, by Ben Wilson, insurance agent with Lamb Insurance Services (Church has worked with Lamb Insurance Services for a few years, company was local now located in Arizona) that their current property and liability insurance ending 8.21.2024 with CM Select Insurance Company (now MGT Insurance Company - rebrand and new ownership) would not renew for the next year, due to being considered a "high risk for wind and hail". We also learned other churches were dropped from this company.

A few weeks prior, an insurance quote application was provided, and renewal quotes were being sought on behalf of the Church by Lamb Insurance Services. The lowest and recommended renewal quote received was from Grinnell Mutual for \$14,546, which was a significant increase in premium. There were a couple of other quotes received, however, the quotes were higher. Mr. Wilson explained that not only has our geographic region been graded "high risk for hail and wind damage" due to recent years of high claims loss, the valuation upon which the property rates are based has increased dramatically. Additionally, the property deductible for wind and hail will be 1% of the new valuation of \$4.9 million.

Concerns and questions were discussed at the Church Council as well as the Stewardship and Finance Committee, and it is the consensus to begin looking for a local agent to assist evaluation of insurance services.

#### 4. Kudos and Celebrations

To Lisa Grace, Larry Squire, Karen Fausch and Mike St. Clair for filling in during worship while Pastor Owen was on vacation. To Matai Cayton, Maya St. Clair, and Melanie for helping with the Video part of the worship while Lori Krase Cayton was on vacation.

To the Youth and Chaperones who were on their Mission trip and served people in need and felt it was very meaningful.

To Jackie Black for working on the insurance issue.

To Darin Leach for getting the mailing out.

To those who helped on August 24, 2024 with the Meals from the Heartland project.

#### 5. Pastor's Moment – Pastor Owen (10 mins)

Summer has been extremely busy, and now school has started which helps with a more disciplined schedule. There has been a concern about the faith formation of our children through 6th grade. There is a group that is going to discuss this topic and then find a time to discuss with parents to see what they would like to pursue. This involves Sunday school time, Children's church, or other activities for children.

It is time for the Nominating committee to begin.

The Stewardship theme for 2024 is "Already Grateful". The steward committee will be looking at the Time and Talent form, they are meeting this coming Thursday.

September 16, 2024 will be Patty Dorman's funeral.

The next series "The Feast of Joy" will be based on Communion Hymns.

#### 6. Items for Discussion (60 mins)

##### **Old Business**

- Boy Scout discussion was tabled.
- Long-range planning for the September 15th meal and conversation.
  - Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:15.
  - The conversation part will be from 12:15 to 1:00.

- The table discussions will be led by 7 people – Darin, David, Eleke, Jackie, Pat, Arnie, and Angela. We will ask Shanon, Randy W., and Tom and Jodi Murphy to fill in if we need extra help. Darin will ask the previous people if they are available. We would like someone to lead the discussion and another person to take notes. To keep the noise level down, the groups will move to various parts of the church.
- Lunch will be offered, and Karen Rawson and the Party Squad will be asked if they can oversee this part of the day.
- We will offer Youth and Child Care – Owen will speak with Tara about staff that would be willing to help. We would like the teenagers of our congregation to participate in the conversations.

### **New Business**

- Council gave consensus to build an island for the kitchen and add drawers to the two cupboards under the serving window. This project will cost \$7990.05.
- 2025 Council Leadership and Setting Date for Annual Business Meeting was tabled at this time.
- Arnie commented that the property committee has completed and planned several projects.

Next Meeting – Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Devotional- Karen Fausch

Motion to adjourn: David Rawson

Second: Eleke Ukpabi

Passed: Unanimously

Meeting adjourned:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fausch, acting secretary