

May 16, 2024 Church Council

Present: Julie Italiano, Mary Ann Fenstermacher, Marianne D'Amato, Bob Behee, Vickie Hammons, Mary McCoy, Christine Phillips, Roger Chalk, Ophelia Behee, Harry Moyer, Doris Yantis, Phyllis Stauffer, Warren Livingston, Susan Ozga, Steve D'Amato, Mike Webb, Changsu Kim, Howard Laughton, Avaree Norman, Jim Hammons

Julie opened the meeting with a devotion.

Marianne gave trustees report. May 4 clean up day was successful. Persistent false smoke detector alarms resolved after batteries changed. Failure of pilot light of new hot water heater to stay on consistently is not yet resolved. Consultation with outside company may be needed to address replacing floor outside kitchen. No decision made yet about roof repair or replacement. Previous patching is currently preventing new leaks. Trustees have been consulting with Jim Hammons, who has elevator maintenance and repair experience and expertise, about recent increased frequency of elevator malfunction resulting in people getting stuck in the elevator. Proposals from two companies have been received. Trustees have reached a consensus that action needs to be initiated because of safety concerns. Modernization proposal by MEI, recommended by trustees, presented and discussed. Questions answered about proposal, which involves replacement of obsolete electronic components with new components. Probability of need for capital campaign and use of church emergency fund to cover cost discussed. Marianne moved, and Mike seconded, that we proceed immediately to accept MEI contract proposal to modernize the elevator, including down payment of \$50,000. Motion passed.

Steve gave finance report. Written report discussed. Steve states finances are in good shape and remain stable.

Howard gave scholarship committee report. Three recipients selected for this year's scholarship are Wesley Simms, Sarah Sullivan, and Molly Laughton.

Mike gave Foundation report. There has been growth from interest and dividends. Funds available for ministry this year will be put on hold until paying for the elevator updates are discussed. Mike recommended members participate in Kansas Methodist Foundation Putting Your House in Order program for information on planned giving.

Changsu recommended that members have opportunities for questions and discussion about denominational changes resulting from General Conference decisions. Ophelia requests discussion occur after next SPRC meeting. Changsu advises consulting Great Plains Conference website for information.

Changsu gave pastor's report. He will be gone on the following dates: for vacation May 27 through June 4; June 5 through June 10; for required classes for doctoral program week of July 14 and week of July 21; for denominational meeting in Atlanta August 19 through 22. Please pray for Marcia Wren, who is hospitalized for heart arrhythmia after car accident that did not cause serious injuries. Also please pray for Elmer Hedrick, who was hospitalized for three days after a riding mower that he was operating rolled over onto him.

Mary reminded us that we are participating in Old Shawnee Days parade on June 8. We need veterans to ride on the float and Bill Bloom's military vehicle and people to walk alongside. We will assemble the float on June 7 at the annex.

Julie reports that next meeting will be on June 20, 2024. There will be no July meeting unless need arises.

Changsu closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Mary Ann Fenstermacher