

September 19, 2024 Church Council

Present: Julie Italiano, Changsu Kim, Mary Ann Fenstermacher, Mike Webb, Phyllis Stauffer, Avaree Norman, Roger Chalk, Bob Behee, Ophelia Behee, Christine Phillips, Vickie Hammons, Steve D'Amato, Marianne D'Amato, Doris Yantis, Eric Peters.

Ophelia read devotion and Julie offered prayer to open meeting.

August 2024 minutes were previously approved by email.

Ophelia gave SPRC report. At recent meeting, committee approved addition of VBS to children's coordinator's job description and hiring of youth minister for 15-20 hour per week position, in response to several children in congregation approaching youth age. Accompanist Valerie Wellington will be moving to Italy and therefore leaving her position at the end of this month. Her last Sunday with us will be September 29. Changsu has three names of possible replacements and will interview them.

Marianne gave trustees report. Carpet cleaning has been done. Elevator failed inspection on September 16, because security was not linking properly to elevator controls. Elevator controls were successfully reprogrammed today. Inspection will be repeated on Monday, September 23. Donations from congregation for elevator so far total \$81,970. Extra carpet squares will be used for elevator floor. Outside door to gym is not closing properly. Please check to make sure that it is locked when exiting.

Steve gave finance report. Income and expenses are very close to budgeted amounts. Maturing bonds will produce new available revenue. Individual committees will relay budget requests to finance committee.

Changsu reports that CONALD committee will schedule two or three meetings, and requests we reach out to him with suggestions for nominations. District charge conference will occur at Church of the Resurrection, Wesley Chapel, on November 17, 2024, from 1:15 -3:00. Attendance is not mandatory. We need to prepare for our charge conference, which is scheduled for October 17 meeting. Pastor's compensation package is due District Charge Conference meeting, but the full budget can be completed afterwards. Changsu states that approved charge conference forms from last year and partially completed forms for this year will be sent to church council members early in order to allow completion during October meeting. We will schedule November meeting on the 7th or the 14th instead of the 21st if necessary.

Changsu gave pastor's report. He and his family are well. The elevator is close to being returned to service. Thanks for work of trustees and for donations from members. Fall events planned include pet blessing service, for which Phyllis is working on liturgy, and special events at pumpkin patch each Saturday. Electronic sign currently not working, but will be fixed. Please continue to report to the office number of people attending each small group meeting. Julie plans to start and lead two new small groups: prayer gathering each Friday 10-11AM and new Bible study each Saturday 1-2Pm. Weekly worship attendance decreased past month, possibly a result to COVID and vacations. Two new members are scheduled to join our church.

Phyllis reported on meeting of Faith, Community and City Partnership, a Shawnee local group, which she attended. Major needs reported by those attending included: need for blood drives in the area; Johnson County Christmas Bureau is unable to find a donated, centrally located space large enough to hold their annual ministry supplying Christmas gifts for families in need; increased needs of those

accessing Shawnee Community Services (SCS); Christian Brothers Automotive on Midland Drive will be offering a limited number of free oil changes on October 5; community resource specialists want to talk to small groups about community needs; some residents will need help with snow and tree limb removal during winter months. Phyllis also received an email inquiring about hosting a bell choir concert at our church. Please pray for Virginia Kennett and Judy Simms, who are both experiencing gradual decline of function and are receiving hospice care.

Next meeting will be on October 17, 2024. November 21 meeting is scheduled, but will possibly be moved to November 7 or 14 in order to complete charge conference forms if needed.

Changsu closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Mary Ann Fenstermacher