

August 15, 2024 Church Council

Present: Mary McCoy, Roger Chalk, Mary Ann Fenstermacher, Warren Livingston, Vickie Hammons, Christine Phillips, Ophelia Behee, Bob Behee, Phyllis Stauffer, Steve D'Amato, Marianne D'Amato, Mike Webb, Avaree Norman, Eric de la Pena, Harry Moyer, Susan Ozga, Changsu Kim.

Phyllis opened the meeting with prayer.

Phyllis led the meeting in Julie's absence.

Minutes from May 16, 2024 meeting were previously approved by email. July meeting was cancelled at May meeting. June meeting was cancelled by email consensus after May meeting.

Ophelia gave SPRC report. Committee has not met since last church council meeting. September meeting has been scheduled to discuss budget and job descriptions.

Marianne gave the trustees report. We are still waiting for insurance input on roof coverage. New carpet has been installed in lower level of building. Work on elevator started early and is now completed except for button panels. Currently the panel incorrectly designates basement button as starred, making it the emergency exit level. Emergency exit starred button should be main level; this will be corrected. Building modifications needed in order to pass elevator inspections are: sump pump, bottom level lighting, and temperature HVAC temperature control. These should be completed approximately one week after Labor Day, cost will be additional \$10,000-15,000. Kansas gave us a variance, and will not require continuous video monitoring. We have a one-year parts and labor warranty after modification completion. New maintenance contract following that will be close to current cost.

Steve gave finance report. Forty percent of elevator repair has been paid. Balance due will come from donations from congregation, emergency fund, possibly memorial fund.

Changsu gave pastor's report. Redistricting, in response to budget constraints created by loss of members, took place at recent annual conference, which Changsu attended, and which occurs every four years. We are now part of the North East Kansas district, which covers larger area than previous Kansas City district. No other major decisions were made at annual conference. Fall activities will include: pumpkin patch, trunk or treat, pet blessing service, and possibly additional small group opportunities. We will make the gym available for blood drives four times per year. Blood drive this month was successful. In person and online attendance has been consistent. Three new members were received during the second and third quarters: two more planned. Gradual increase in event attendance continues but is slowing. Next step will be increased community engagement, which Changsu has discussed with members. Changsu will travel to Atlanta Monday through Thursday, August 19-22, next week for a board of ordained ministry meeting which occurs every four years. Choir will resume participation in worship service on September 15. Changsu requests prayers for church staff and affirms their initiative in doing work needed to maintain organizational function, and also affirmed nominating committee's filling of vacancies. Vickie recognized Sue Kim's communication skills in maintenance of website and use of social media. Changsu and his family are thriving.

Warren gave mission report. We are recruiting volunteers to go to Heart to Heart to assemble hygiene kits on September 27, 9:30-11:30 AM. We need a minimum of fifteen people. Sign up will be available on Sundays.

Next meeting will be on September 19, 2024.

Changsu closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Mary Ann Fenstermacher