Skyland Community Church
Minutes of the Council Meeting on July 16, 2023

Members present: Reverend Melanie, Anne Evans, Jackie Seymour, Gina Palmer, Shannon Edwards, Gerald Alonzo, John Conkle, Jeremy Cole, John Heyes

John C. opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.
Opening Prayer: Reverend Melanie
Behavioral Covenant: Gina Adams
Approval of the minutes of the June meeting: Jeremy moved to approve, Gerald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
Treasurer's Report: Gerald reviewed the figures from the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year:

- Income for FY 2022-23 was $11,482.13 above budget—pledges and offerings accounted for most of this amount, with hall rental bringing in $1,555 over budget;
- Total operating expenses were $6,597.45 below the budgeted amount.

Old Business: None
New Business:

A. Revised COVID Policy—John C. outlined a proposed maskless protocol for all church locations. The committee that has monitored health advisories over the last three years recommended this change. Council members voiced their support.

B. September 9 Skyland Celebration—Anne provided updated information about this event:

- Weed clearing and soil compacting will continue in the area designated for children's activities;
- Other children's games will take place in the Memorial Wall area;
- Nancy Jo Lopp is overseeing the display of work by local artists and children in Whitaker;
- Publicity includes the August issue of *MNN* and social media, such as 95033Talk;
- Anne encourages individual Skyland members to help with a specific activity;
- Kind neighbors have again offered use of their land for event parking;
- The El Buen Taco truck will be on site from noon to 4:00 p.m.
- The Summit Sisters will perform from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- The trustees have decided to remove one tree behind Whitaker as it presents a fire hazard.

C. Food Pantry—Shannon announced that federal funds related to COVID have ended:

- No eggs, milk, tuna or peanut butter are delivered to the pantry;
- Buying these items from Grocery Outlet would cost about $1,000 a month;
- Shannon will follow up on Jackie's suggestion of contacting Costco for donations;
- Some food pantry volunteers will provide pantry tours on September 9;
- The Council will revisit this topic in the August 20 meeting.

John C. closed the meeting at 2:04 p.m.
Closing Prayer: Reverend Melanie
Next Council Meeting: Sunday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m.
Minutes Submitted by John Heyes, clerk