

Church Council Meeting Notes

February 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Members (Present = Highlighted)

<p>Galen Clow, President Chad Markuson, Vice President Brent Teiken, Past President Erin Labrensz, Treasurer Colleen Murray, Secretary</p>	<p>Larry Erdmann, Administration Sarah Hanson, Family Life Zach Staples, Outreach Joyce Fjeld, Family Life Andrew Ohe, Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>Pastor Mary Suomala Folkerds Pastor Taylor Wilson Pastor Meggie Bjertness</p>
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1. Welcome existing and new council members
 - a. Introductions were conducted
 - b. Preaching scripture for the week – Pastor Mary – Matthew 6:1
 - c. Reading of Our Values
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Galen Clow, President
3. Consent Agenda – Motion to approve by Zach Staples, second by Chad Markuson. Motion carried.
 - a. February Agenda
 - b. Staff Reports
4. Treasurer’s Report and Approval – Erin will be updating reporting and including visuals to assist with ease of reading reports. Focus on actuals vs. budget at this time. Erin is checking into the Maintenance reserve fund moving forward. Envelope giving this year is 136% higher this January than last year. Many of our donors have changed to giving one large donation in January for the year. January expenditures were also up slightly. Benevolence giving was higher in December then January but will be increased in February for Giving Hearts Day gifts to our partners. We made our first of 3 payments to Pace for Feasibility Study. - Motion to approve by Chad Markuson, second Sarah Hanson. Motion carried.
5. Items for Discussion
 - a. Pace Feasibility Study – Pace will conduct a feasibility study to determine the passions and hopes of the congregation to grow our budget to be more resourced and do more mission.
 - b. Policy Review – Denny Nelson is new Finance Manager and main HR person. Personnel policy manual will be updated and Denny will be sending policies to review.
 - c. Pastor Mary’s Sabbatical – Traveling to Portugal and Spain over the summer which is covered by a grant that is given to the church. Expenses are reimbursed as they are incurred. Leaving at the end of May and Pastor Taylor will be in charge in Mary’s absence. Please reach out to Pastor Taylor or Pastor Meggie in Mary’s absence.
 - d. Helping Hands will be working with JT Lawn Service for lawn fertilizer and weed prevention application.
 - e. Audit Committee – Andrew recommends written guidelines for the audit committee.
6. Motions - None
7. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned with Lord’s Prayer at 8:00pm