

Tree of Life Church
Council Minutes
June 14, 2017

Members present – President - Dennis McConnell, Vice President – Jack Zimmer, Treasurer – Jim Voelz, Financial Secretary –, and council members at large -Lawrence Zuehlke and Chuck Will.

Members absent –Heidi Beckham, Linda Baumgartner, Kirk Helberg, George Timmins

Guests – Jim Johnson, Jim Rust, Staff members - Bunny Stoutes, office manager, Ryan Dockery, intern, sitting in for Pastor Chris while he is on sabbatical,

A. The meeting was call to order at 7:28 by President McConnel and began with an opening prayer.

B. Consent agenda

- I. **Motion:** Adoption of agenda *.
- II. **Motion:** Approval of minutes for council meeting May 10, 2017
- III. **Motion:** Ratify new members- Neil Ottmers and Diana Stigleman
Motion made by Will, Second by Voelz passed.

C, Old business. (Motions).

Motion by Will and Second by Voelz: Approve re- roofing project by Redemption as covered by insurance due to hail and wind damage. Total contract cost of \$86,975. Insurance expected to cover all costs except for \$1,000 deductible. Expect insurance payment of \$14,508 of "reimbursable depreciation" to be covered by insurance after completion of work.

Discussion included:

1. Church Mutual estimate was slightly higher than Redemption but actually included a few "non-roof" items, so difference was negligible.
2. There is an upgrade in shingles to a 30-year shingle but will be very similar color called "weathered wood".
3. Jim Johnson highly recommends Redemption.
4. They can start July 17th.
5. Dennis will be signer of the contract.

Motion passed unanimously. Council extended thanks to Mserrs. Johnson, Will and Baumgartner for their good work on this project.

D. **New business.**

I. **Report:** Zimmer reported on his progress and planned schedule of work on the Policy Manual. He presented the final draft of the Overview page asked the Council to read to assure the correct “scope and direction” is being pursued. He got a “thumbs up” from those present. He also provided a copy of the Table Contents and briefly explained what would be in each section.

II. **Review:** Maintenance discussion with possible motions regarding air conditioner. Will informed Council the A/C over the office area is not working. We spent \$4000 last year to re-charge the Freon and now it appears, that this old unit will most likely need to be replaced. Luxury Air has been working with us and cost will be approximately \$11,300. This is problem of great urgency will temperatures now in the 90’s and we may need Congregational approval for this large of expense. *The \$4,000 was a mis quote. Chuck or Bunny should have a good number for a correction to the minutes.*

III. **Review:** Discussion of council meeting time and dates. With the Well now on Wednesdays and going to about 7:45, the Council discussed moving the Council meeting to the second Thursday rather than starting the meeting later on Wednesdays.

ACTION: McConnel will survey all Council members via email in order to make a decision. *Subsequently, Consensus was to continue meeting Wednesday following services at The Well.*

D. **Financial reports:** Motion to accept financial report by Zimmer, Second by Will

I. Voelz reported verbally that:
Income is 103% of pledges and 80% of non-pledges
We have repaid SEEDS money borrowed
Budgeted expenses are 95%-- kudos to staff for pinching the pennies
The upcoming Mission Trip expense of \$9000 could cause cash flow issue so may need to borrow against SEEDS.

Motion passed unanimously.

E. **Pastoral report:** Ryan Dockery reported the following:

1. Two deaths this past 30 days—Ron Bliese and George Moreno

2. Pastor Chris sabbatical schedule now has him in Galveston with family.

3. Church Camp this week has 15 of our elementary youth and we will have 20 confirmation youth next week. Ryan intends to attend next week with Confirmands.

4. Well update: Not sure what was expected for attendance each week but the numbers have exceeded our hopes. Attendance has been as high as 36 and is about 25 each week. Those coming include some visitors as well as members that we don't see very often on Sundays, so one of the purposes is being met very well.

F. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Zimmer