

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 21, 2022 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Kevin Solberg, Vice-President Sandy McCarthy, Secretary Russ Bliese, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Heidi Beckham, Pat Rowe, Pastor Chris, Deb Zimmer and Mark Templet. Visitor Jill Waldrop, Ikeria Green and John Burkwall.

Absent: Peggy Little, Julie Timmins

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:30 PM. Pastor Chris started the meeting with a scripture reading and a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Lemaux and seconded by Zimmer. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (January 17, 2021) Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Rowe. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda:

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (January 2022)
Lemaux presented the financial report for January 2022. Total income for January was \$52,006. Out of

this income, \$703 was repaid to SEEDS for a net income of \$51,303. Total expenses were \$43,378 for a surplus of \$8,628. Lemaux stated that of the expenses, \$2,600 went towards building maintenance (AC) and the December and January electric bills were paid in January. Beckham advised council that several church members paid their pledged offering for the year all in January. No funds were borrowed from SEEDS. Lemaux updated the Balance Sheet and Dedicated Funds Sheet and there was no further discussion. A motion was made by McCarthy to accept the financial report and the motion was seconded by Rowe. All were in favor and the motion passed. There was discussion regarding placing some type of gate to go across the south side parking lot as this area is not lit and to keep unwanted people out of this area when no one is around. Templet advised that Bliese was looking at options for a gate. Solberg stated that the CISD has students that could possibly build a gate with the church paying for the materials. This would be a good adopt a project item. Plans would be needed for the school to take up the project.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris and Bishop Mike officiated at the funeral of member Marjorie Taylor's son, Joey Lentz, that was held at the church on 2/16. This was the largest funeral held at TOL with over 400 people present. To make it more special, Pastor Chris's dog Hanna greeted people as they entered the

sanctuary and laid down on the altar during the service. There was a large compliment of law enforcement to assist with parking as all the parking lots were filled to include the easement behind the church. Overflow parking went to the Presbyterian Church with Templet assisting in shuttling people back and forth. There was a large contingency of soldiers from Ft. Hood as Lentz was active-duty military. Pastor Chris then took the following week off to use up unused vacation time. The joint Lent service with Grace Lutheran will be postponed till next year as an agreement could not be worked out. Lights were added to show the church steeple at night and additional lighting was placed to light up the new stained glass. Member Jimmy Rogers paid for the scissor lift that was used to go to the ceiling to attach lighting fixtures and change out light bulbs. Plans for Lent worship are still in the works.

Mutual Ministry Committee: The committee will continue to meet via Zoom.

F. Old Business

- I. Discussion was held on the 2022 Retreat with it being hosted by the Solberg's. Council needs to revisit the objectives from the 2021 retreat. Discussion was also held on a pot luck get together for council at the Solberg's in May or June.
- II. The garage sale has a date of May 6th-7th and 9th. The same company as last year will handle everything. J. Brown will need to be contacted as to when more items for the sale can be brought to the church.

G. New Business

- I. YMCA / TOL Archery- Rebecca Heard, Director of the YMCA joined the meeting to provide details on the YMCA having archery classes this summer. The classes will be staffed by two certified camp/archery counselors. There will be a backstop to stop any wayward arrows. The church has enough insurance in place and all student will be required to sign a waiver. A motion was made by Pastor Chris to allow the YMCA to conduct archery classes at the YMCA Summer Camp at the church. Lemaux seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- II. Pastor Chris advised that Scott Moore would like to be married at TOL even though he is not a member. For allowing Moore to have his wedding at TOL, Moore will be asked to preach at TOL twice. Pastor Chris made the motion to allow for the trade and Beckham seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- III. Project Tree Camp- Vacation Bible School along with the YMCA and three other Lutheran Churches, Grace, Spirit of Joy and Joy for Life to be held at TOL. Luther Hill will run the camp by providing counselors for at least 80 children at a cost of \$2600. A motion was made by Rowe to make an initial payment of \$1300 to Luther Hill with Zimmer seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Insurance on trailers was tabled till the net council meeting.
- V. Carpet Clean- A quote for cleaning the carpet was received from City Wide who currently cleans the church. City Wide will carpet clean all the church offices for \$623. The price for the offices and worship area was \$1700. It was decided to go with the offices this year

and the worship area net year. The YMCA did carpet cleaning in the education building today. Motion was made by Templet to pay City Wide \$623 to clean the church offices and McCarthy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- VI. Music Lessons- Kara pays \$150 per month to use the sanctuary piano to give piano lessons at TOL. Council agreed to keep this amount and offer her a six-month rental agreement. No additional insurance is needed.
- VII. Church members have relayed to council to have any new members who join to have their name printed in the next weeks bulletin.
- VIII. Discussion on a ramp to the altar for the disabled. This could be an Adopt A Project project.

H. Pastor Chris led council with the Lord's Prayer and Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary

