

## Tree of Life Church Council Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: President Jack Zimmer, Vice-President Kevin Solberg, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Financial Secretary Heidi Beckham, Secretary Russ Bliese, Sandy McCarthy, Tom Gros, Richard Schaper, Julie Timmins, Pat Rowe, Pastor Chris Lake

Visitors: Office Manager Jill Waldrop

A. President Jack Zimmer called the meeting to order@ 6:35 PM.

### B. Consent Agenda

I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda

II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (January 18, 2021)

III. Motion: Ratify New Members:

MOTION: Schaper moved to accept the Consent Agenda; Solberg seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### C. Financial Reports

I. Monthly statements (January 2021)

Lemaux reviewed the January financial statement, indicating that the January income was \$38,146 and \$659 was repaid to SEEDS. Expenses were \$41,965 for a loss of \$3,818. There was discussion regarding the bank/credit card fees associated with members who

pay their offering via credit card. An email will be sent out to congregation members advising them that when they send in their offering by credit card, the church is being charged a fee. The monthly bills will now be paid when they are due instead of when they are received.

MOTION: Pastor Chris moved to accept the Financial Report and Schaper seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

II. Stimulus Package PPP Update on Grant

Lemaux reported there is no word yet on “payback” of the PPP grant. Lemaux advised that TOL would not qualify for a second grant as there was not a reduction in income of 25% that is required to qualify for a second grant. Lemaux will see if any of the previous quarters would qualify under the 25% reduction instead of looking at the whole year.

III. Budget 2021

Lemaux advised that there was no change in the 2021 budget that was presented to the congregation the previous day.

D. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported on the Voelz burial at Arlington Cemetery. Pastor Chris and his son, Ben made the front page of the Conroe Courier for helping families during the ice/snow storm. All available generators were passed out and busted pipes were attended to. The Worship Team is tired and struggling. The primary goal is to get through Lent and then Easter. Shirley Wilkins funeral was held. .

There was no meeting in January of the Mutual Ministry Committee.

#### E. Old Business

##### I. COVID Task Force Update

Everything is going well during the church service on Sunday. There has been no spread of COVID at the church. Sign up for Sunday worship will continue with room for more people to attend.

##### II. Memorial Walk/ Prayer Path Update

A video will be produced explaining everything about the Memorial Walk.

##### III. Garage Sell

The garage sell is planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### F. New Business

I. Discussion was held regarding the cleaning of the church. City Wide Services is cheaper than the current cleaners and the current company is not doing a very good job.

II. Pastor Chris would like to replace the current I-Phone cameras with new cameras. The cost is approximately \$4,200 for two cameras.

MOTION: Schaper made a motion to place this item on the Adopt a Project list and when the funds are

obtained, to purchase the cameras. Solberg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

III. Ministry Teams and Council Liaison Assignments:

Council members were added to replace the former council members on the different teams.

G. Zimmer adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM and Pastor Chris closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary