

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

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

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

Absent: Pat Rowe, Julie Timmins

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:32 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 Pastor Chris. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (February 21, 2022)
Motion: McCarthy and seconded by Templet. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda:

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (February 2022)

Lemaux presented the financial report for February 2022. Total income for February was \$27,105. Total expenses were \$37,196 for a deficit of \$10,091. No funds were borrowed from SEEDS. A motion was made by Zimmer to accept the financial report and the motion was seconded by McCarthy. All were in favor and the motion passed.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that TOL was on the front page of the Conroe Courier twice recently. One article was on Ashes to Go and the other article was on Hannah the church service dog. Pastor Chris received a prayer request from an individual that had read the article about Hannah and advised Pastor to keep going with Hannah and her services. Pastor Chris will be traveling to Africa to see the work being done by the Fishers and we will see Bishop Mike and Scott Moore preach in his absence. Pastor is still contacting people on Monday mornings. New members will be joining the church soon to include a couple with one being a transgender. They would like to renew their vows and Pastor Chris has agreed as the couples previous church did not think much of the idea.

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. A date was not decided as several council members have conflicts with dates.
- II. The garage sale has a date of May 6th-7th and 9th. The same company as last year will handle everything. A clean out the storage container of garage sell items will be April 23rd. J. Brown will be handling this task.
- III. Scott Moore has agreed to preach twice in exchange for having his wedding at the church.
- IV. A deposit of \$1300 was made to Luther Hill for counselors for Tree Camp in July 24-29. Sign up sheets will be made available for volunteers.
- V. Solberg will have someone from the school come and look at the location for the proposed gate on the parking lot. Pat Voelz has agreed to pay for the gate.
- VI. Trailer and rental insurance, a quote was received for the trailer only and not the contents. P. Rowe will be contacted to look into this. Jimmy Rogers has agreed to donate a fence to go around the area where the trailers are parked.

G. New Business

- I. Discussion was held on staffing regarding John Burkwall who is a part time employee and does not receive any type of insurance or benefits. Council agreed that we need to find a way to obtain insurance for Burkwall, either through the church or through CISD as his wife is an employee with CISD. Burkwall has health issues and no insurance. Peggy Little has donated a used car to Burkwall as one of there vehicles was totaled.

H. Pastor Chris led council with the Lord's Prayer and Solberg adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary