

## Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

Members present: Vice-President Kevin Solberg, Treasurer Jim Lemaux, Secretary Russ Bliese, Sandy McCarthy, Richard Schaper, Julie Timmins, Pat Rowe, and Heidi Beckham. Visitor Jill Waldrop and John Burkwall.

A. Vice President Kevin Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:32 PM. Pastor Chris started the meeting with a prayer.

### B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Timmons and seconded by Lemaux. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (August 16, 2021) Motion: Pastor Chris and seconded by Scharper. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### C. Discussion Agenda:

### D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (August 2021)  
Lemaux reviewed the August financial statement, indicating that the August income was \$32,141 and expenses were \$29,651 for a surplus of \$2,490. Lemaux stated that the PPE Loan has been forgiven.

SEEDS money was not taken out or replaced. A price was agreed upon by an engraver from Conroe for the memorial bricks of \$175.00 per brick. The benefits for staff was inadvertently left off the financial report.

Budget 2022: Lemaux met with Pastor Chris and Julie. Lemaux will meet with the new Youth Director Green regarding the youth budget. The YMCA will be back for another year in 2022. Lemaux also met with Tom Gros regarding the stewardship for 2022.

MOTION: McCarthy moved to accept the Financial Report and Timmons seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris was on vacation the previous week and has already had multiple funerals during September. Pastor Chris is working hard to get the youth ministry up and running. COVID is causing issues with the youth. There will be a Fall Festival in October and Trunk or Treat will be back. Pastor Chris sealed the deal on an engraver to commence with engraving the memorial bricks. The engraver is located in Conroe. Confirmation went well. Problems with internet/fiber optic have been fixed. Funerals and Weddings will be live streamed in the future.

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

#### F. Old Business

- I. Memorial Walkway: Texas Gravestone Care in Conroe will be doing the engraving for \$175 for any size brick purchased.
- II. Sunday Services: Pastor Chris is not in favor of moving the 10:30 service to 9:30 and doing away with the 8:00 service. He is afraid of losing too many members. There is still a shortage of help for the early service. Pastor Chris will have Green get more involved in the early service. Discussion was held regarding having a pot luck service once every two months where there would only be one service on that Sunday. More discussion will follow and for the mean time there will still be a 8:00 service and a 10:30 service.

#### G. New Business

- I. Stewardship 2022: Tom and Pastor Chris will be asking for assistance to speak with the members regarding the stewardship for 2022.
- II. 2022 Council Nomination Process: A list of names will be sent out for members wanting to be on the next council board.
- III. Employment Agreement: Kara Melton has agreed to work 10 hours a week to include tech support on Sunday mornings and any other duties as needed. In return, Melton will be able to use the church piano/organ for private lessons. Melton will be a ministry associate. A motion was made by McCarthy

and seconded by Lemaux to accept Melton as an employee. All were in favor and the motion passed.

H. Pastor Chris led council with the Lord's Prayer and Kevin Solberg adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary