

Tree of Life Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 19, 2022 6:30 PM ZOOM Meeting

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

Absent: Peggy Little, Heidi Beckham, Pat Rowe and Tom Gros

A. President Solberg called the meeting to order@ 6:34 PM. Solberg started the meeting with a prayer.

B. Consent Agenda

- I. Motion: Adoption of Agenda- Motion made by Lemaux and seconded by McCarthy. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- II. Motion: Approval of Minutes (November 28, 2022)
Motion: Zimmer and seconded by Watson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Discussion Agenda: No discussion

D. Financial Reports

- I. Monthly statements (November 2022)
Lemaux presented the financial report for November 2022. Income for November was \$35,254 and expenses were \$38,804 for a deficit of \$3,550. \$8,000

was borrowed from SEEDS. A motion from Pastor Chris to accept the financial report was made with McCarthy seconding the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Lemaux presented a draft of the 2023 budget. Income from pledged offerings, non-pledged offerings and miscellaneous income totaled \$456,519.00. Projected expenses are \$486,910 for a shortfall of \$30,0391. A council meeting will be held on 1/16/2023 to finalize the budget before it is presented to the congregation on 1/22/23. A council meeting will be held in April to discuss the status of the 2023 budget.

E. Pastoral Report

Pastor Chris reported that he has spoken with the leaders of a theater camp that want to use the facilities of the church/education building for nine weeks. They will pay the church \$350 per week to use the facilities. Pastor Chris reported on health conditions of several members.

F. Old Business

- I. Kings Embrace Update- Pastor Chris, Wayne and Pat Rowe will be leaving for Kenya on 1/23/23 to check on the water well. Expenses are being covered by the money Pastor Chris raised on his golf fundraiser. Pastor Chris will be missing three Sundays with one of

the Sunday's being a no communion Sunday. The boys at Kings Embrace will also be looking for another school to attend.

- II. Christmas Eve services will be at 3pm, 6pm and 8pm.

G. New Business

- I. New Members: Nothing to report
- II. Adopt A Project: Two old laptops will need to be replaced. Cost will be \$2500-3000. A motion was made by Watson and seconded by McCarthy to revisit this project in January or February. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- III. Anything Else: Pastor Chris along with the visitors were excused so that raises for the staff could be discussed. Pastor Chris, Jill and Ikeria will receive a 3% raise along with a paid membership to the City of Conroe Fitness Center that is opening where the old YMCA was located. McCarthy made the motion to accept the raises and membership with Zimmer seconding The motion passed.
As of this date, \$2300 had been raised for Christmas staff gifts.

- H. Solberg adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bliese

Council Secretary