

Council Minutes – August 9, 2022

Submitted by: Danielle Terrell

Present: George Nederhoff, Bob Saathoff, Craig Blanchard, Maureen Hanson, Juanita Kimpston, Lisa Arenholz, Mike Christiason, Brian King, Danielle Terrell

Not Present: Troy Olson

Staff Present: Angie Rath (not present: Julia Voss)

Dinner/Fellowship: Council shared dinner and conversation together along with Sam Madson, Nathaniel Parrish, Mallory Jensen and Caleb Schreiber. Council appreciated hearing about their individual ministries.

Opening Devotion: Lisa Arenholz gave the devotion on Apostle Philip.

Call Meeting to Order: George Nederhoff called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Blanchard and seconded by Saathoff to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 Council meeting. Motion carried. Approved.

Recommendations:

- A recommendation was made by the Personnel Committee to implement a lump sum disbursement from the Iowa Childcare Stabilization subgrant of \$2,000 to all 10 benefit-eligible employees plus the Director, Assistant Director and Compliance/Records Coordinator of Blessed Beginnings. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Kimpston to approve the recommendation. Motion carried. Approved.
- A motion was made (Christiason) and seconded (Blanchard) to pay Vantage Pro invoice for \$324,950.70. Motion carried. Approved.

Financial Update:

Craig Blanchard gave an update on the May and June Financials. Council will start getting the Shepherd Staff version of the financials every quarter. A motion was made by Saathoff and seconded by Christiason to put the May Financials on file. Motion carried. Approved. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Blanchard to put the June Financials on file. Motion carried. Approved.

Senior Pastor Report:

Pastor King referred to his report and gave an update on the By Laws Task Force. The By Laws Task Force is looking to update our By-Laws and make sure the language matches current practice, and where possible, streamline certain procedures and congregational actions.

The Global Leadership Summit was discussed.

The new sound system in the Worship Center is complete. Nazareth is currently in the hiring process for a new Worship and Technology Coordinator. Until someone is hired for this position, Dan Olsen has been contracted to help with the sound system and taping of the sermons.

The Welcome Home appeal update: Step 1 curbing is completed. Asphalt should be completed soon. Windows are set to be replaced in 2024.

Thrivent Financial has options to donate gifts of money depending on policies of investments. It was discussed how Thrivent Choice Dollars can be used.

The Call Process for an Associate Pastor will stay on hold until the connection to the ELCA is voted on. Until then, Pastor Brian has three potential Contract Pastors to reach out to during the interim.

Administrator Report: Angie Rath reviewed the Administrative Report.

Committee Reports: Minutes from the Committees were in the packet for Council to review.

Old Business/New Business:

Arenholz presented an example of a Faith Statement and inquired if it is something the Council could consider implementing with Council Members.

Julie Creeden asked for her report from the July meeting to be placed in the minutes as an addendum. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Blanchard to put the report on file but not in the minutes. Motion carried. Approved.

Discussion took place regarding concerns around our ELCA affiliation and recent comments from the Presiding Bishop.

The Council agreed to meet on August 23rd at 7 p.m. to talk specifically on the connection with the ELCA.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Christiason to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Closing Prayer: The Council closed with The Lord's Prayer.