

Council Zoom Meeting /September 29, 2022

Attendees: George Nederhoff, Bob Saathoff, Lisa Arenholz, Craig Blanchard, Mike Christiason, Troy Olson, Danielle Terrell, Maureen Hanson

Attendance at the Staff Meeting on Monday, October 3rd

Church council members who will attend: Danielle, Troy, Mike, George, Lisa

We will share our progress so far, share our intent to instill confidence and continuity, and to be supportive. We will ask what the staff needs from the council and/or the congregation. We will also ask the staff to let us know about any budget concerns.

October Council Meeting

Bishop Kevin Jones will attend. The council generated a list of questions to ask Bishop Jones.

Letter to the Congregation

The letter was discussed, revised, and agreed upon. Troy will work with Terri or another staff person to set up a council@naz.org mailbox, and to have all emails to that mailbox go to all council members.

Introduction to the By-Laws changes

Maureen and Mike shared information about the three documents sent to the council and asked council members to review all three documents before October board meeting. They noted that the By-Laws Committee had some requests of the council / questions for the council that can be found on the second and third page of the summary document

Time Table

We need to identify everything we have to do, when we will do it, and who can do each thing. We will know more after we meet with Bishop Jones. We would prefer to hold one congregational meeting at which we vote on both the By-Laws revision and Call Committee members.

Upcoming LCMC Annual Gathering

No one able to attend. Maureen call contact number and ask if the gathering will be video recorded and available to review later.

Meet with Nazareth members who were Council members during ~2008/2009

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 pm (Zoom). We want to see what we can learn from their experience.

Suggestion for Prayer teams/partners for Council members, Staff, Call Committee members, Nominating Committee members

Discussion about how to form these teams. Maureen will ask Barb Witzel to send prayer requests to her prayer group. George will ask Mallory Jensen to send out email to small group, requesting prayer.

Gift for Pastor Brian

We will give him our card at October Council meeting, and our gift on October 30th, his official last day of preaching. The council brainstormed some ideas for a gift.

Additional Discussion

Some other thoughts that were discussed:

- We will invite Pastor Brian to all Church Council meetings in October
- Some discussion regarding Supply pastors / Interim Pastor - Bishop Kevin recommended not asking Pastor Denny – he is doing pulpit supply for other churches
- Requested that anyone who receives an email from a congregation member forward it to the rest of the council