



AGLC Church Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2019

Present: Kristin Bergstrom, Tim Draney, Kelcey Drapp, Don Duval, Shirley Glazier, Bruce Holte, Tony Seris, Tonya Tomlin, Dianna Trang, Alison Viktorin, Rev. Nick Billardello

Absent: Debbie Kelley, Mark Saunders

Guest: None

Call to Order by President, Tim Draney: 7:04pm

Opening Prayer: Tony Seris

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:

- Motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim and seconded by Tony. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report given by Shirley

- Giving is approximately 10% behind. Budgeted expenses are as expected. 2018 vs. 2019: we are about \$18-20,000 behind. Request: a note be sent from Tim or Nick to small group leaders and/or congregation stating the following: consider increasing giving in early December (as opposed to end of Dec) and reiterating that the Mission Freedom Fund Appeal is separate from regular giving. We know that giving is generally behind budget at this time of the year, but coupled with a 10% decrease in giving, a financial concern is justified at this time.
- Motion to approve October Report was made by Bruce and seconded by Tony. The motion passed.

Committee Reports presented by Kristin

- Motion to approve the October Committee Minutes was made by Tony and seconded by Don. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Building Usage Review – Tonya

- The Council made the following suggestions: replace "member" with "active participant" since we have active participants who are not members who should be able to use facility, criteria for use of facility: rental must be sponsored and attended by active participant of the church who is also a member of the nonprofit/not-for-profit organization. Rental is 3 hours minimum. Cost is \$150/hour. Organization is required to remove trash from building and return facility to same condition upon start of rental. ***ACTION: Tonya will make edits and present final Facility Policy at December Council Meeting.***

Payroll Fraud – Tim

- Tim spoke with our lawyer and there is nothing else we can do to recover the money. This issue is now closed.

New Audit Committee Status – Tim

- Lisa Harrington will handle establishing new audit committee per the constitution.

Signatory Changes with Bank – Tim

- All actions completed; bank signatory cards are on file for Tim Draney, Tony Seris, Kristin Bergstrom, Alison Viktorin & John Nelson.

Joint Council & Committee Chairs Leadership Meeting

- Tim hosted the quarterly meeting with all Committee Chairs and Council on November 17th. The agenda covered the following items: State of the Church, What's Working, What's a Hinderance, Where We Stand with Christmas Activities. The meeting was a success. The next meeting is scheduled for Sun., Feb 9th, in the Sanctuary after the 11am worship service. If a Committee Chair cannot attend, it is his/her responsibility to ask someone from the committee to attend in his/her absence.

Outline of Standards for Fundraising – Tony & Dianna

- Suggestion was made to ask committee sponsoring a fundraiser to tithe a % to the church. The Council agreed that all the money raised will be used for church activities and/or missions. Therefore, this is not necessary.
- Motion to approve the Standards of Fundraising with the following edits was made by Kelcey and seconded by Bruce. The motion passed.
 - o Replace use of "member" with "active participant" to be consistent across all standards and policies going forward.
 - o Include verbiage on free will offering not being a fundraiser. The intent of a free will offering is to cover expenses only.
 - o Page 2: Flip paragraph and bullets under "Number of Fundraisers".

Website Launch – Kristin on Kelcey's behalf

- Launch is 2 weeks away pending bios and staff headshots being received. Kelcey is still in need of assets (photos). Kelcey will contact John Nelson to determine if a plugin is needed to include directory and/or Member Portal.
- Question: suggestion was made by non-Council member to not include Mission Freedom Appeal on website. Council agreed that the Fund Appeal is something we are not trying to hide and all people should be able to contribute via the website.

New Business:

Permission to Serve Alcohol at Mission Freedom Leadership Gathering

- Motion to approve alcohol being served at Mission Freedom Leadership Gathering on Thurs., Dec. 5th was made by Kristin and seconded by Bruce. The motion passed.

January Congregational Format & Content

- Council agreed that we will not have a theme this year due to current Mission Freedom Campaign. **ACTION: Tim will lead the Congregational Meeting and solicit brief reports from Committee Chairs.**

Advisory Group for New Ministries

- At Nov.17th Joint Council & Committee Chairs Meeting a member suggested we form an Advisory Group for New Ministries. Council determined that this was not needed at this time. No motion made.

Advertising/Sponsorships to Publicize AGLC

- Council agreed to table this discussion until after the website is up and running and financial concerns are lessened.

Communication Tools for Internal Distribution of Information

- Council agreed to table this discussion until after January 2020.

Volunteers and Revised Time & Talent Sheet

- Time & Talent Forms are typically distributed in April. ***ACTION: Kristin will handout and request edits to current Time & Talent Form at Feb. 9th Joint Council & Committee Chairs Meeting.*** Edits will be due beginning of March to allow enough time for edits to master copy and distribution in April.

General Discussion

- None

Closing Prayer: Pastor Nick

Meeting adjourned: 8:55pm

****Reminders****

- 1) ***Committee Minutes/Reports due Wed., December 4th.***
- 2) ***Next Council Meeting: Mon., December 9th.***