

Tuesday, September 4, 2024

In Attendance: Joan Simons, Bill Simons, Austin Becker, Ken Ritt, Monica Edwards,

Opened with Prayer

Call to Order: 6:33pm

Minutes from August read and approved with corrections

**Financial Treasurer Report—Ken**

See Attached Documents

Total Revenue for 2024 thus far is \$53,202.76. Financial Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports match this month,

**Financial Secretary—Monica**

See Attached Documents

**Elder's Report—Austin**

See Attached Documents.

August average attendance is down slightly. General attendance averages at 25 people with 22 being the average number of individuals taking communion.

Austin still needs to reach out to the Barber family. Pastor Williamson has made contact with Carmine Reese. The Killian Family has decided to join another church. Kim and Hannah have been traveling during the summer, but are anticipated to return to services now that school is back in session.

Plan to install Audrey as Education Director on September 15, 2024 when Pastor Williamson is present.

Pastor Rehwaldt has agreed to interview on September 19, 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom. Austin will present potential interview dates to Pastor Gizynski.

**Pastor's Report—N/A**

**Trustee's Report—Bill**

Bill will take on task of filling up candles due to Mr. Killian leaving. Austin will assist with this in September. A sign-up sheet will be posted for Congregation members to assist.

Building needs to be painted. Bill plans to complete minor touch-ups prior to the building completely being painted.

Council has been requested to prepare a list of 3-4 Church improvement projects to present to the congregation to vote to determine priority.

Back offices will need to be cleaned in preparation of new Pastor. Council has determine to let the new Pastor to pick his own office

### **Fellowship Outreach Coordinator Report—Monica**

The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday gathering will be on September 29, 2024. Church Council will provide donuts, juice and coffee. Joan will set up tables and purchase flowers prior to service that day.

Request made for water to be stocked in the fridge for the Pastors and congregation members. Joan stated she would get water from Sam's.

Oktoberfest Celebration will take place on October 19, 2024. Monica would like to invite a family friend with a Degree in Theater for Youth to assist with the children at Oktoberfest. Family friend will bring various forms of child-friendly entertainment, to include puppets. She has not yet accepted invitation, but Monica requests that Church pay for gas expenses due to her travelling from Edenton. Council is in agreement

### **Old Business**

Investment Strategy—going well. Hoping to set aside approximately \$48,000 for the new Pastor; providing \$4000 monthly. There is extra money; Joan feels she can help spend it for general improvement projects around the church

Installation of carpet in the nursery is on hold until January 2025

Joan has been unable to collaborate with Kenzy regarding recording weekly services and posting on the website. Monica will ask her son Josh to assist with this project. If Josh is unable to assist, then project may have to be outsourced to a professional group.

Plan to install Audrey King as Education Director on September 15, 2024

Joan plans to take old documents to Goldsboro Shred Event on September 13, 2024. Will need volunteers to assist with going through old paperwork

There are a few items at the church that need to be taken to the dump to include a vacuum sweeper and the old printer. This was presented as a possible Community Service project for Eileen's son. Otherwise, Joan may ask Joe to haul to the dump and pay \$50 fee.

Joan has made fliers regarding September 29, 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Celebration to post around the church and put information on the website, Facebook and the Email announcements

Oktoberfest/Reformation will be Saturday October 19, 2024 at 12:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish. Everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends. Joan would like to invite church members from Wilson and Kinston. Council is in agreement. Joan will figure out how to obtain RSVP/headcount for the celebration. Council members will need to be at church by 11:00am to assist with set up. Joan and Bill will purchase bratwurst, hot dogs, buns and Sauerkraut. Ken will bring Beer, ice

and coolers. Kim will bring a German Potato salad. Joan has made fliers to post around the church, on the website and on Facebook.

Advent decorations will be completed on November 24, after church service. Decorations will need to be pulled down from the attic prior to November 24, 2024. Council will provide pizza. Joan will make fliers and announce on website, Facebook and via E-mail.

2025 Budget Meeting will be on November 5, 2025 during the Council Meeting.

The Annual Meeting/Election will need to be done on the first Sunday in December. Office open for Election are President, Financial Treasurer and Secretary.

Joan presented other options for Community Service projects around the Church for Roger. Projects include cleaning the back yard, setting up tables for Oktoberfest, adding rock to the driveway, adding fresh mulch and hauling items to the dumpster.

### **New Business**

Council Members went through the Church Roster and updated current members.

### **Call Process**

Interview with first Pastoral Candidate is tonight after Council Meeting. Pastor Rehwaldt will be on September 19, 2024. Austin will confirm time. Pastor Gizynski date is yet to be determined.

**October 8th will be next meeting date**

**Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:15pm**