



Church Council Meeting Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2024

Members Present: Pastor Nick Billardello, Vicar Christine Cracchiolo, Tom Brekhus, Lisa Derasaugh, Lori Anderson, Simon Scholtz, Diaena Zamora, Claudia McWhorter, Emily Meinen, Mike McClement, Alan Kohutek, Jonathan Charlton, Mike McTaggart

Members Absent: Dan Reckmeyer

Call to Order – Tom
7:00pm

Opening Prayer/Devotion – Emily Meinen
Volunteer for following month: Lori Anderson
Volunteer for November: Mike McClement

Approval of Minutes – Tom
Minutes Approved

Treasurer's Report –Mike

- Expenses are trending in line with budget and our giving aligns with that
- Committee Chair budget reports – Request was made for Council Liaisons to be able to print just their committee page to share with Committee Chairs
- Capital Account minimum was discussed

Committee Reports – See attached collection of reports.

Youth Report

Pastor Nick shared that there has been huge growth in youth group and momentum is going strong; October 27 (Reformation Sunday)– 7 confirmands

Endowment

Endowment Fund applications will be open at both congregation meetings (January and June)
Endowment Fund Distributions will be announced Easter and Rally Day

Member Care

New Member Sunday will be selected after Pastor Nick's surgery



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Building Use Approval / Fundraising Approval

- None received
- Youth Fundraising approved

Old Business

- Staffing Changes
 - o Bookkeeper
 - Draft presented and tabled until next council meeting to allow Ruth Strong to review (Tom will send it to her)
 - Position will report to Treasurer and Finance Committee
 - o Communications/Marketing
 - Need to develop job description
 - Discussed this as being low priority so will revisit at a future date
 - o Children's Minister / Youth Minister
 - James Crixell recommended by Youth Committee as Interim Youth Minister
 - Will receive salary from the amount that is budgeted
 - Volunteers for High School Youth
 - Lauren Gomulka
 - Paul Harrington
 - o Time and Talent Responses & Communication
 - Received 20 additional responses on Rally Day
 - Will be in bulletin at least once a month with list of needed positions
 - o Property Committee
 - Sanctuary Lighting Proposal Update
 - Met with Romeo Music team and Property Committee members reaching out to other competitors for bids
 - Goal: Bids need to be submitted by next council meeting (October 15)
 - o Projects on Hold
 - Education building plumbing/septic
 - Tom asked this plumbing/septic issue to be relayed to Property to revisit and monitor for any issues
 - In addition, Property asked to come up with list of previously tabled maintenance issues and indicate priority of each



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New Business

- Photo & Media Release/Consent for Minors
Pastor Nick and Vicar Christine will work on photo media release and council members Alan and Lori will share their school consent forms; Pastor Nick and Vicar Christine will contact those who have access to Abiding Grace Facebook to mention this policy so to not post pictures of children/youth until consent forms have been signed.
- AGLC received donation that will go towards the following: Operating fund, Capital Fund, Sanctuary Lighting, and replacing office furniture
- Suggestion for Finance Committee to write a policy for best practice to maintain minimum balance in our Operating Fund that covers expenses for up to 90 days

General Discussion

Fall Picnic will be Sunday, October 6 – Will be promoted this week

Closing Prayer –

Vicar Christine

Meeting Adjourned

8:36pm