

Church Council Minutes
Thursday, June 9, 2022

Council President Gary Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the conference room. Members present included Pastor Jaci, Randy Jacobs, Steve Blausey, Nancy Pries, Deb Boos, Joyce Bruntz, Joan Eckermann, and Mary Schlievert. Pastor Jaci offered a prayer to start the meeting.

Good News reports included Sam and Caitlin are on their honeymoon in Italy, the Schlieverts can travel to Alaska, we are meeting in person for Council, we are blessed with a substitute organist-Audrey Milbrodt.

Prayer concerns include the family of Reid Oestreich, Mary Parkhurst, the family of Pastor John Morris, Crystal, Darla, and Karen & Joe Hammel and family. Plans for Reid's services will be forthcoming.

The minutes of the May 12, 2022 council meeting were presented. Joan moved to approve, Randy seconded, motion carried. The property report was received after the May meeting, and was approved as an appendage to the May minutes. The May 2022 financial report had been sent out via email. The insurance premium is upcoming, so probably no surplus for June. We are doing well on offerings received. The financial situation continues to do well. The financial report was approved as presented. Since there is no Parish Reporter in July, Deb will supply an offering report for the weekly message.

Pastor Jaci's report included an invocation and prayer for the Elmore Memorial Day celebration and parade. School is out! She attended Synod Assembly with Gary and Ruth Ann Andersen. Bishop Beaudoin was re-elected for a 6 year term. Funeral service information for Reid Oestreich will be announced.

Mary reported that the board of Congregational Life will provide Donuts for Dads on June 19th. Food trucks are being investigated for a summer Sunday. Next meeting is August 16th at 7 pm. Joyce will print and distribute the membership directory.

Steve reported that the board of Property met June 5th at 9:30 am. The soffit on the church entrance was repaired. The water system passed inspection. Randy reported that one A/C unit needed to be repaired. It was fixed but will need more attention. The boiler inspector found some minor issues which will be repaired by the board. There will be some possible improvements to the sound system. The Fellowship Hall will need to be set up for summer worship. The Board received a letter and a certificate from the Ohio EPA, recognizing our drinking water protection efforts.

Nancy reported that the board of Witness and Mission will meet on Tuesday, June 14th, 4 pm at Grace. Joan added the blood drive will be Monday, July 18th at Grace from 12 noon til 6 pm. Joan will be checking with the Red Cross for possible protocol changes/updates..

Joan had no report as the Board of Worship has not met. Next meeting is August 9th at 7 pm. First summer worship in the Fellowship Hall will be Sunday, June, 12th 10:30 am.

There was no old business to discuss.

Under new business, Gary is interested in finding and updating church history. Some discussion ensued about past anniversary celebrations, Pastors, and other interesting facts. Deb raised the question of possible Sunday School formats for the coming year. Perhaps once a month, or some sort of children's focus could happen on a more regular basis. Jaci will contact parents of children for input and ideas.

The next Council Meeting will be Thursday, August 11th, at 7:00 pm. We will most likely meet in person at church!

Steve moved to adjourn, Randy seconded, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schlievert
Secretary Pro Tem