

Council Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Steve. Present were Pastor Charlane Lines, Steve Bennett, Lisa Achen, Georgia Ordonez, Amanda Hawkins, Tom Elmore, Becky Stonestreet, Karen Idler, and Betty Noreen.

Devotions and Prayer

Pastor read the poem "Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver and led in opening prayer.

Welcome to new members Georgia, Tom and Becky. We missed welcoming new member Janis Kern, who was out of the country.

Mission, Vision and Values

Steve read the vision, mission and values statements.

Minutes

The minutes from January 14 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Becky and Tom noted a typographical error, and "talk" was changed to "take." Upon motion by Lisa and second by Amanda, the minutes as corrected were approved unanimously.

Executive Reports

President: None.

Treasurer: Lisa's reports and proposed budget for 2024 were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Our income greatly exceeded expenses by over \$10,000. Lisa explained that some members pay their entire pledge in January each year. There were no other questions.

Pastor: Submitted her report by email prior to the meeting. She is no longer Dean of the Conference.

Old Business

Property updates

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Door: We are seeking to replace only the double door of the sanctuary at this time. Ken Pense has a bid from Home Depot for a double door with windows for \$3,100. It comes primed, and we will paint it with matching paint from the sanctuary. The total estimate including crash bar and installation is around \$5,000, and it can be done in about three weeks. Karen moved to approve expenses for the door up to \$6,000 from the Capital Fund account. Tom seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Amanda will ask Sam Hawkins about regulations and will inform Ken of our approval.

Kitchen Repair. The Design Team, consisting of Lisa Achen, Cam Bennett, Jennifer and Jim Wood, Shannon Milligan, Janis Kern and Stacy Hogsett, met with three general contractors. They have received two bids of \$92,000 and \$90,000 and anticipate the third bid this week. Lisa has also received separate bids for cabinets and flooring. A Decisions Team consisting of Larry Klug, Tom Elmore and Kathy Van Zuuk has been created to review bids and interview contractors and make recommendations to the Design Team. Lisa will schedule a meeting of both teams as soon as possible, hopefully this week. Janine Dexter recommended that we consider working directly with subcontractors and using prefabricated products, such as Home Depot, utilizing members for some of the installation and painting to reduce the cost to the church. Jason Cole is going to do a cabinet drawing. Lisa commented that custom cabinets are not much more expensive than stock cabinets.

Funds for this project are being kept separate from all other accounts. At this point we have received two payments from insurance of \$35,500 (less \$19,900 to the remediation company) and \$24,800, and we have received a donation of \$13,635. Our current kitchen fund total is around \$57,500. Steve and Lisa have a meeting scheduled to meet with the insurance broker to ask why we have only received a partial approval, hoping to receive additional reimbursement. Dr. Sam from Colla Voce has donated funds to replace the flooring in the Fireside Room. This will be directed to the Property Evaluation Team (see New Business).

There is still moisture on the floor of the kitchen. American River Caulking wrapped three-fourths of the building, from the kitchen towards bell tower. We will have them complete the wrap and also use moisture-guard paint inside.

Thank you to Lisa for all her efforts in coordinating this project.

New Business

Vice President Election: Having a vice president is required by California law. Betty moved to elect Amanda Hawkins. Karen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Synod Conference and Assembly: Conference gathering is online Saturday, March 9, 2024, 10AM to noon, and the Assembly is June 7-9, 2024, in Fresno. The cost including hotel and mileage reimbursement if needed is paid for by the Congregation. We will be sending two members and Pastor. The theme is "Claimed by Hope." The same voting members should attend both gatherings. Pastor encouraged us to consider participating and hopes to identify the two members within the next two weeks.

Property Evaluation Team: We are seeking four or five members for this team to evaluate long-term needs of our campus, including land and structures. We will not have a general announcement but will talk with potential members for this team and let Pastor know of any interest. Pastor will talk with volunteers one-on-one. She and Steve will conduct an orientation meeting for discussing roles, responsibilities and

commitments. The team will be asked to develop a spread sheet of projects including their priorities over the next several years. They will consider whether we need to keep our 2½ acres or sell unused portions. Funds for these projects would come from the Capital Fund. Whether we need a new campaign, asking members to contribute beyond their general giving, will be decided based on the team's recommendations. Our last campaign was 2015-2018, which has funded multiple projects.

Annual Meeting Schedule: The date of the meeting can be changed. To bifurcate the meeting would require a constitutional change. We could call a special meeting in the fall for the purpose of looking at the next year's budget. Pastor's benefits need to be decided in November for the salary starting January 1 of the next year. Pastor moved to hold a special congregational meeting in early November to approve the next year's budget. Becky seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Youth Sunday School: Amanda reported that the new schedule during church is going well and will continue at least through Easter. She spoke with helpers Jana and Kat, who were happy with the change from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. The change is also working well for Amanda and Melia, and new children have been attending. They are seeking teaching assistance from other members so they can occasionally attend the full worship service.

Prayer requests for the Prayer and Healing Ministry: Betty will pass the following requests to the prayer and healing ministers:

Prayers for guidance in property management.

Prayers for selection of Synod Conference and Assembly members.

Adjourn

Upon motion by Tom and second by Georgia and with unanimous agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Noreen