Church Council Minutes

December 10, 2024

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| Jacki Reininga | Taylor Jackson | Scott Russell | Chris Hayes |
| Kay Lancaster | Madison Boboltz | Macy Craft | John Knapp |
| Holly Maxwell | Kim Crawford | Johnnie Sue Bucek | Edward Castillo |
| C.J. Reddig | Heather Hanson | Michelle Clark | Molly Hayes |
| Betsy Spencer | Jo Anna Cardoza | Sean Hale | Tim Graves |
| Sharla Martin | Chris Olson | Rob Franz | Betty Dalton |
| Loni Fancher | Shawn Dickler |  |  |

1. Welcome/Devotional/Opening Prayer – 6:03
   1. Holly called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
   2. Holly talked about a devo from the Advent book for Dec. 10 – questions asked: Do you see things differently when it’s hard to see in the dark?
      1. Macy mentioned the musical performance on Sunday and a special thank you to Sean and the Chancel Choir/Orchestra.
      2. Kay mentioned First Fridays, having Santa be one of the kids who grew up in the program.
      3. Molly mentioned the smell, including smells of Christmas, in a worship service.
2. Strategic Initiatives Updates – 6:09

-Telling Our Story

* Chris picked it as a strategic initiative because we realized with disaffiliation how important it is to be able to name ourselves. We are happy and celebratory of that. We have a choice: we can be people who focus on negativity and exclusivity, or we can focus on the positive and inclusivity.
* The 2025 sermon will focus on how we can share our story as a church and as individuals.

-Maximize Care and Healing

* This week, Kay is mainly working on updating the list of those needing more attention regarding care/healing; I sent an email to the care team to see if they’re aware of who they need to check on.
* Care Team Appreciation Lunch – January 26 at noon is also a chance for people who want to join the team to get information and see where they can plug in.
* Senior adult ministries and Away We Go trips help build relationships and connect people with others they rarely see.
* Getting funeral arrangements in order session at the beginning of the year.
* Madison – has noticed people feel like they can trust asking us for help, especially the vulnerable people we’ve met through Cloud Covered and the Young Adult community, giving them adults they can lean on and building a trusting presence.
* Kay – the Dunaways told Kay their caretaker wasn’t well, and they needed someone to help them; Lynda Reeves connected them with Judy Riddle, who will fill in the gap while their regular helper is recovering.

3. Committee Reports – 6:18

-Finance report

* Kim Crawford says the goal is to have good reports by January, but no reports this month. Hired a CPA firm to clean up some of our accounts and journal entries.
* Everyone on the church council holds January 7 as a tentative meeting date.
* Stew – Collected 187 pledges for just over a million dollars out of 2.2 million.

-Trustees report – 6:44

* Betty Dalton – we need to act on getting the leak fixed (next to Chapel and continues through Columbarium).
* Centennial Contracting and Roofing gave us a quote (includes full warranty) for $56,225.77 (2 other companies proposed 4x the amount and no warranty)
* Trustees would like to make a motion that we contact TMF to get a loan of $56,225.77 to fix the leak. All in favor, motion is approved.
  + TMF can close the loan within two weeks of receiving the minutes, like an HVAC loan.

-PPR report – 6:49

* Pastor Madison approved for ordination
* Macy Craft, Loni Fancher, and Laureen Kuizon are all going into ministry.
  + Chris Olson, so moves; Johnnie Sue Bucek seconded. All in favor, motion is approved.
* The congregation gave more than needed for staff lunch in October, so there will be Christmas gifts.

1. Other Business – 6:52
   1. Loni – thank you for supporting Cookie Walk.
   2. Molly – thank you for all the help with Congregational Conversation. Deliveries are happening over the next week or so.
   3. Betty Dalton – last week, she and three others went to Carter Jr. High, decorated the teacher’s lounge, and met the principal; she was so appreciative.

\*2024 Leadership Recognition/2025 Leadership Announcement

* Holly – thank you to everyone who served this year
* People rolling off – Kirby Warren (not here), Sherri Harrington (not here), Kim Crawford, Betty Dalton
* People coming on in 2027 to be approved
  + Chris Olson motions to approve the slate, and Rob Franz seconds, all in favor. Motion approved.

5. Other Announcements -6:59

-2025 Church Council Planning Retreat - Saturday, January 18 – more information later this month

\*Closing Prayer – Kay @ 6:59