

# JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The June 10, 2021, the Church Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Jeanne Mantsch, Moderator.

Present: Jeanne Mantsch, Mike Spalding, Ric Probst, Jason Jacque, Kathy Bretl, Phil Stepanski, Bill Bond and special guest Louise Mollinger.

Opening Meditation - Jason Jacque

Jason told the Council about an ex-coworker who has a daily blog called "The Daily Mantra". He read one day from that blog based on Acts 10-34.

Approval of the Minutes - May, 2021

Scott sends out the Minutes for approval and some of us find the website is a little "wonky". We will speak to Scott to get a clarification on the approval process for our next meeting. (Specifically, should we edit in place, or comment only, and is approval noted physically via a comment at the end.)

Financial Administrator's Report (given by Kathy, Treasurer)

Kathy presented the Quarterly Statement of Activity with the 1st quarter summarized and the first 2 months of the 2nd quarter summarized as well.

The budget vs. actual report was also presented. There were some comments regarding tweaking column titles and redundant rows.

*Old Business*

Reopening Team - Report (Phil)

Phil reported that the "soft" opening of services was going well. There will be a Reopening/Ushering Team meeting on 6/22/21. One of the topics to be discussed will be a review of increased capacity from 40 to 60 worshippers in attendance on Sunday mornings (which went into effect May 30). Also to be discussed was the inclusion of more music into the service. The handbells would be the safest, but with the retirement of the director, we may have to wait for a new director. Congratulations on your retirement, Lori!

*New Business*

Louise stated that the Justice team applied for and received a Catalyst Grant from the Conference of \$1,500 and a donation of \$1,000 to offset some of the cost involved with their project, which is to hold a seminar on racial issues of the day. This seminar called "Sacred Conversations to End Racism" will be co-taught by Rev. Andre Pirtle and Scott's wife, Rev. Laura McLeod. The main reason for Louise' presence at the Council meeting was to ask the

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Council for the balance of the funds necessary to bring this seminar to our church (\$2,500). Louise will bring to our next Council meeting a clearer picture of what the seminar will bring to our Church and some estimated numbers of attendees. A motion to approve her request for funds was made by Kathy and seconded by Phil and approved. The money would come from the Marquardt Mission Fund, subtracting whatever amount is received through free will offerings by attendees.

## Spring Congregational Meeting – Agenda and Council Elections

Jeanne shared a draft agenda for our Spring Congregational Meeting, to be held 6/27/21. Those topics were:

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Acceptance of annual reports

Election of new Council members

“some business topics” TBD

Special recognition and thanks to outgoing council members

Jason wanted to make sure that the “Church Brat Fry” was also added to the agenda.

Jeanne noted that the annual reports from each Council chair are due “NOW” so they can be sent to all who will be attending the Spring meeting prior to the meeting.

## Summer Council Meetings

It was brought up that in prior years, the Council did not meet in July or August. A motion was made to that effect, discussed and approved to move the Council back to its old “pre-Covid” schedule of not meeting during the summer.

## Emergency Procedure Review (Jeanne)

We agreed that the usher schedule document covered much of the information. Phil suggested that ushers be shown where the emergency defibrillator and other equipment is kept, and how to use it. Jeanne noted that the ‘No Guns’ signs were no longer posted on our doors, and should be replaced.

## Reminders:

Next Executive Committee Meeting – September 2, 2021

Next Council Meeting – September 9, 2021

Opening Meditation – Pastor Scott McLeod