

Council Meeting – March 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Attendees:

Rev Bernard

Dave Lummis

Tara Quist

Mary Penniston

Jordan Coursen

Kurt Schreder

Anne Troxell

Britta Lerner

Will Lewis

John Moran

Walter McCullough

Bayard Dodge

Andrew Cummings

Shivanthi Edwards

Bernard offered a devotional on Psalm 17 and the church covenant was read.

Meeting was led by vice moderator Dave Lummis, in Mary Crawford's absence.

Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January Council minutes and seconded.

Minister's Report

Lenten series starts this Saturday. Next week Thomas is asked to lead a discussion on ministering to veterans.

22 people have signed up for the Holy Land trip.

We acknowledged the unexpected passing of Calvin's brother, everyone was encouraged to send their sympathies to Calvin and Mary.

Coronavirus and the Church

Andrew provided us an update: Erley did a nice job deep cleaning the church facilities, sanitizers have been placed at all locations. Mary will send out communication to the congregation.

Bernard has asked the Deacons to lead any efforts to take necessary precautions during the service, Fellowship has been asked to handle Coffee Hour.

Stewardship Update

Current pledge total for 2020 is \$589,041. History has proven that receipts tend to exceed pledges; the total may be higher. Bayard suggested educating our congregation on what it takes to run the church. This would be especially beneficial to new members.

Treasurer's Report

Kurt explained the Operating Budget, he highlighted that the Trustees' Operating Expenses are now split. Markets have been down the past week, he pointed out that we cannot rely on gains in the market to sustain us.

Andrew's Report

The Expense Committee (part of Trustees) has good ideas. David should be moving out of Carriage House this week before work begins. \$40,000 has been approved so far, funds are being used from the Norm Christian fund.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded to approve new members as listed on the agenda. We discussed tenure on each Norfield board.

CE

Britta distributed a summary of the board. The goal this year is to properly train teachers and add projects with other ministry teams.

Outreach

Thomas reiterated that confirmation kids should not stay too late after the Auction dinner.

Deacons

Retreat planned for March 16. Bernard has kindly agreed once again to host this, and Susan Townsley will be leading the workshop. Deacons has 3 new members. The spiritual development part of the Deacons meeting is well received.

Fellowship

They have 3 available spots; new members are encouraged to join. Each member is responsible for a month. Anne mentioned that the board would like to initiate the Progressive dinners once again. Other activities planned: Family game night, Music night, March madness and Ladies night.

HR

Jordan Coursen is the new chair.

Trustees

David Connell will move out of the apartment in early March and his possessions will be put in storage. The project will take about a month. However, if after David has vacated the premises, further inspections indicate that additional work needs to be done or bigger issues become apparent than the current project scope, the Buildings and Grounds Committee may suspend the project and there will be further discussion by the Trustees.

Music

Jim Miller passed away, this is a big loss for the board. They were not members but had attended the church for 18 years. Jazz Sunday was a hit. Bayard suggested we initiate a task force to find ways to generate new members, Bernard said it should come under Fellowship.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shivanthi Edwards