

Present: Moderator Anne Hoekstra, Jim Stevenson, Gina Greene, Sue Hummel, Paul Greene, Craig Driver, Laurie Allbaugh, David Allbaugh, Cliff Highnam, Diane Highnam, Lauren Reisinger, Karen Jensen, and Keith Jorgensen. Staff: Michelle Wolfe.

Moderator Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Her Reflections comments were based on The Great Commission, just how can we serve our immediate community better as a church. She closed with a prayer. Announcements were noted at the bottom of the agenda sheet. Diane Highnam added that there would be a clean up day mainly for the residents of Church Row this coming Saturday. A large dumpster was being provided for the residents' use. Cliff Highnam requested a "workday" for the church be scheduled for some time in June with the focus on painting the basement and a lawn cleanup.

Motion: To approve the minutes for the March 14, 2023, meeting. **Dave Allbaugh / Laurie Allbaugh / Carried**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Craig Driver reviewed the financial report for April. At the 33.3% point of the budget year, Total Income was at 23.7%, with the first of three potential Memorial Pledges having been drawn from the Endowment Fund. Plans to withdraw the second installment of Memorial Pledges have been made to support cash flow needs. He made comments on various budget line items, noting all boards and committees were under budget. Total Expenses were at 22.3%. He closed his report by reviewing the current balances in all the other church accounts. See the written report for details.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report. **Craig Driver / Jim Stevenson / Carried**

Staff Reports:

Music Director: See the attached written report submitted by Luke Overton.

Office Manager: Michelle Wolfe reported office items were routine.

Boards:

Spiritual Growth & Programs: See the attached written report. Sue Hummel reported for Tim Ahrens that VBS was being planned for July 10 – 14, with four other churches and volunteers needed.

Spiritual Life & Care: See the attached written report. Gina Greene added a comment on identifying neighborhood needs and what could be done to meet them. A possible "drop off" day with a sale the following day was suggested by Gina as an example. Other ideas were suggested and discussed.

Creative Ministries and Physical Resources: See the attached reports.

Committees:

Endowment: Jim Stevenson reviewed his attached written report, noting we had a 6% gain for the period and performance exceeded the benchmarks. He cautioned that a potential “storm on the horizon” was being mentioned in the financial world.

Grin & Grow: Karen Jensen noted Teacher Appreciation Week was being observed this week. She felt that things in general were alright with Grin and Grow.

Search and Call: Diane Highnam shared that there has been some activity in the search process but expressed frustration at the pace. Moderator Hoekstra felt the church has grown in our mindset over the past several months. General discussion followed on the search issue.

Old Business:

Church needs and wants: Moderator Hoekstra reminded the board we have a \$50,000 bequest from Joan Siglin and is seeking ideas for its use. Paul Greene shared he has been working with Maximum Sight and Sound on several audio/visual upgrades in the church, and for fewer dollars than first expected. Cliff Highnam commented on new technology in hearing aids and how that may be incorporated in the audio upgrades. He also noted that \$20,000 remains to be paid for the repair of three stained glass windows. Cliff noted the need to complete repairs of the stained-glass windows and installation of two new windows in the Chapel for approximately \$2,800. Suggestions for improvements to the playground equipment and the potential of purchasing t-shirts with various screen-printing designs promoting the church for used by volunteers were made. All ideas are under consideration.

New Business:

Moderator Elect: Moderator Hoekstra received the board’s permission to call together past moderators for the selection of the next individual to serve the church.

Youth Director Position: Moderator Hoekstra opened discussion on the need to hire a Youth Director, noting that the job description may be modified in doing so. She has researched this issue with other area individuals involved in youth work. Elements concerning administrative duties and musical capabilities were noted. Discussion on the issue followed with a consensus that it would be best to begin the hiring process.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Jorgensen, Clerk