

Present: Moderator Anne Hoekstra, Craig Driver, Dave Allbaugh, Jim Stevenson, Gina Greene, Paul Greene, Tim Ahrens, Cliff Highnam, Diane Highnam, Gary Waldon, John Mardis, Laurie Allbaugh, and Keith Jorgensen. Staff: Michelle Wolfe and Luke Overton.

Moderator Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She based her Reflections comments on the story about loaves and fishes and how faith led to feeding the multitude, and as our faith leads to multiple good things within the church and community. She reviewed the upcoming events listed at the bottom of the agenda, noting Stewardship Sunday would be November 12th, and that there is a need for volunteer Sunday School teachers. Her final announcement was that she would be out of the country August 23 through September 15.

Motion: To approve the minutes for May 9, 2023. **J. Mardis / D. Allbaugh / Carried**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Driver reviewed the July financial report. He noted that we are at the 58% point in our fiscal year with income at 51% of budget, expenses at 37%, allowing for a net income of \$28,645 for July and \$60,678 for the year. Due to open positions at Pastor and Youth Director, and all boards operating under budget, the church is in good financial standing. See the attached report.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report. **Craig Driver / Paul Greene / Carried**

Staff Reports:

Director of Music: See the attached report. No additions were offered.

Office Manager: See the attached report. No additions were offered.

Board Reports:

Social Causes and Justice: See the attached report. John Mardis added a comment on volunteering for the Food Bank and the suggestion was made that this would be a good Potluck with a Purpose topic. Tim Ahrens noted that the youth are planning to participate in Crop Walk.

Spiritual Life and Care: See the attached report. Gina Greene spoke about the success of the Parking Lot Sale and how it became a true neighborhood event and its benefits for all. There was some following discussion on other potential activities benefiting the neighborhood. The possibility of developing a "spiritual partners" program was introduced where members would be matched with those members unable to attend regular church worship or activities.

Physical Resources: Cliff Highnam commented on plans to have a combination of volunteers and professional painters paint the dining room, kitchen, and lower meeting area off the dining room. Quotes are being sought. He also noted having Koch Construction do some roof repair in the bell tower based on an old quote. Also see the attached report.

Spiritual Growth & Programs: See the attached report.

Creative Ministries: See the attached report.

Committees:

Endowment: See the attached report.

Old Business:

Tech Proposal for the Sanctuary: Paul Greene presented a proposal for camera and sound upgrades for the sanctuary. He reviewed the quote from Maximum Sight and Sound. See the attached quote. Following discussion, it was determined the priority was for a live stream camera system including controller, mixer, wiring and installation, as well as relocation of the sound board to a more central location. A proposal for an 85" monitor and wiring for \$5,402 was discussed and agreed that it would be a better choice than attempting to upgrade the older projector and screen system. It was decided funding could be found using the Memorial and Goodrich Funds avoiding the need to access Endowment Funds or capital pledging.

Motion: To proceed with the Maximum Sight and Sound proposal at \$22,870. **Tim Ahrens / Gina Greene / Carried**

Moderator Hoekstra asked the board about replacing Lauren Reisinger, who has resigned her position as she and her husband will be moving out of state in September. Craig Holdiman has agreed to fill in the rest of her term which expires January 2025, but cannot attend meetings on the second Tuesday of the month. Therefore, it was decided to move the Trustee meetings to the third Tuesday of the month for the next few months.

New Business:

Moderator Elect – change of term limits: Moderator Hoekstra introduced the concept of changing the term limits for Board Moderator. She felt future candidates for moderator would be more willing to serve if the term limits reflected those of some other organizations in the area with 1 year as moderator elect, 1 year as moderator, and 1 year as past moderator. A church bylaw change would be necessary for this and a vote by the general membership.

Motion: To rewrite the church bylaw concerning term limits for moderator to reflect 1 year as moderator elect, 1 year as moderator, and 1 year as past moderator. **John Mardis / Dave Allbaugh / Carried**

Moderator Hoekstra announced she has secured pulpit fill-ins through much of the year. She also announced that we would have 2 services on Christmas Eve, which falls on a Sunday this year—the usual 10:30 service, and the traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Jorgensen, Clerk