

Congregational Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2018

- Meeting called to order by John S. 11:31
- Opening prayer by John K.
- Agenda accepted by no [complaints]
- Ministry team reports
 - Finance – Jeff Wortman
 - Correction to printed annual report
 - Page x Kusterer/Hutzel account totals switched
 - We ended 2017 in a better financial position than we started
 - More gifts
 - Investment returns improved
 - We have gift for air conditioning for sanctuary has not been spent (Additional 500,000 beyond the budget?)
 - Year-end balance 1.4 million \$88,000 increase but off-set by sanctuary air donation
 - Looks like we will reduce our deficit due to rental income increases
 - UM nursing \$43,000 for the year
 - Basketball -
 - Last year – 40,000, this year 6x,000 coming in thank you facilities
 - Concerns about the principle the church has – please talk with Finance Ministry Team – don't want rumors suggesting otherwise
 - Worship Ministry Team – John S. for
 - Apologies Canceling sunrise service in cemetery on Easter
 - Welcome Ministry - Kurt
 - Canopy on front
 - Canopy on fifth ave. door
 - Welcome mats at entrances
 - Purchased ONA plaque & banner in sanctuary – these will be dedicated at a service this May in celebration of the passing of becoming ONA
 - Pretzels sale
 - Trying to get 12 new members per year as a goal
 - Education Ministry – Kurt for Jane
 - Plan for Louis Heissler corner in the sanctuary – a children's area for kids to take part in worship service – this project is underway
 - Member Care Ministry – Mary Jean
 - Thanks to Jan Burnham – chair for the first 3 years of this group

- Statistical report created every other year. This report has been collected 2 times so far.
 - Birthing of the Stephen Ministries – went to workshop and worked together
 - Outreach Ministry Team - Laura
 - Aligning our understanding, both locally and internationally
 - 4 groups chosen, \$3500 to Alpha House, Safe House, Peace Neighborhood and Food Gatherers
 - Hope to get new volunteers with these groups or contact Outreach if you have ideas for other volunteer opportunities. Looking at Social Justice issues – people went to March for Our Lives – to hear about our wider mission.
 - Fellowship Ministry Team – Jane Z.
 - Thanks to members and everyone here for helping make their events successful
 - If you have ideas for events please let Jane and Fellowship know
 - Youth and Young Adult Ministry
 - Printed report not much but we know have chair Katie Rowen and they hope to continue to build this ministry
 - Quarterly lock-ins and an event once a month for youth
 - Sense of belonging – tee shirts “You Belong” – that’s what captured what students middle and high school feel captures what their about
 - Facilities Ministry – Steve Darr and Tom Z.
 - Painting sanctuary and [?]
 - Jim Stadel – special thanks
 - New caretaker –
 - Trying to lower utilities costs – looking into cost and efficiency of solar energy
 - Thanks to Carol Leyshock
 - Capital projects – looking into bigger projects
- Review proposal for renovations of women’s first floor rest room across from the church office
 - Pastor John
 - strong church holding together during lots of change
 - [He looks at the church profile – should LC review that]?
 - Facilities list and prioritize sent to LC – low hanging fruit – smaller, cheaper items
 - LC wants to get improvements going – restrooms
 - John Erwin from Facilities
 - Presentation on women’s bathroom
 - Trying to be cost conscious
 - Don’t expect the need for a permit – this is an update
 - Expecting it to take approximately 3 weeks once the project starts
 - Kris explained some of the complications behind the walls of the restroom – granite wall behind
 - Questions:

- Making the bathroom more accessible - this is the only option to provide an accessible bathroom
- Finance supports the project – would like to see contingency funds increase by an additional \$3,000. (Jeff) –
- Door would be too heavy to be accessible – The power needed to have this is not included for this. There may be members willing to donate this. It would have to be approved. Would have to see what the door would cost. This price doesn't include running the electrical to be able to power a handicap door. \$450.00 would be needed to run the electric.
- Maybe the cost estimate needs to be increased to make sure all these things are covered. If we want to expand the project we would need to
 - Formal Motion: Motion to increase \$450 in electric for power. Spend up to \$26,450. This includes \$3,000 more in contingency. Contingency total would be \$4,450.
 - Discussion
 - Amendment: Change the bottom line not to exceed \$30,000 and include the inclusion of a push-button door.
 - A motion was made to accept the presented proposal to improve women's restroom with funds not to exceed \$30,000.
 - 44 yes, 0 no
 - Motion to adjourn, seconded and unanimous.

Submitted by Susan Wortman, Secretary